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**Don't miss this popular
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Built in 1898 during the Klondike Gold Rush, this narrow gauge railroad is an International Historic Civil Engineering Landmark.

Experience the breathtaking panorama of mountains, glaciers, gorges, waterfalls, tunnels, trestles and historic sites from the comfort of vintage parlor cars.

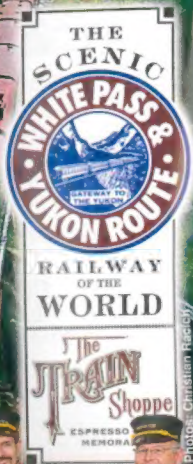


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Itinerary



7 Day Southbound Glacier Route

DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Wed.	Whittier(Anchorage)*		9:00 P.M.
Thurs.	Cruise Prince William Sound; Morning Cruising View College Fjord		
Fri.	Sitka	8:30 A.M.	7:00 P.M.
Sat.	Juneau	7:00 A.M.	11:00 P.M.
Sun.	Skagway	7:00 A.M.	4:30 P.M.
Sun.	Cruise Lynn Canal	Evening Cruising	
Mon.	Ketchikan	11:00 A.M.	8:00 P.M.
Tues.	Cruise the Inside Passage	All Day Cruising	
Wed.	Vancouver (Canada Place)	8:00 A.M.	

Carnival recommends purchase of the optional 1 ½ hour motor coach transportation from Anchorage to Whittier for guests making their own travel arrangements.

7 Day Northbound Glacier Route

DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Wed.	Vancouver (Canada Place)		5:30 P.M.
Thurs.	Cruise the Inside Passage	All Day Cruising	
Fri.	Ketchikan	6:30 A.M.	5:00 P.M.
Sat.	Juneau	9:00 A.M.	11:00 P.M.
Sun.	Skagway	7:00 A.M.	5:00 P.M.
Sun.	Cruise Lynn Canal	Evening Cruising	
Mon.	Sitka	6:30 A.M.	5:00 P.M.
Tues.	Cruise Prince William Sound View College Fjord	Evening Cruising	
Wed.	Whittier (Anchorage)*	7:00 A.M.	

Carnival recommends purchase of the optional 1 ½ hour motor coach transportation for guests making their own travel arrangements from Whittier to Anchorage.

7 Day Glacier Bay Itinerary

DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Wed.	Vancouver (Canada Place)		5:30 P.M.
Thurs.	Cruise the Inside Passage	All Day Cruising	
Fri.	Juneau	2:00 P.M.	11:00 P.M.
Sat.	Cruise Glacier Bay	All Day Cruising	
Sun.	Skagway	7:00 A.M.	4:30 P.M.
Mon.	Ketchikan	11:00 A.M.	7:00 P.M.
Tues.	Cruise the Inside Passage	All Day Cruising	
Wed.	Vancouver (Canada Place)	7:00 A.M.	

Going Ashore

Welcome to Carnival Cruise Lines shore excursion program for Alaska, the last great frontier!

Going ashore is half the fun of going on a fun ship cruise, and we've got some exceptional shore excursion options to choose from. Participating in a shore excursion is a great way to ensure you get the most out of your visit to each port of call. Carnival Cruise Lines constantly upgrades the shore excursion packages offered in each port of call in order to make sure the best possible selections are made available.

Find the itinerary that corresponds with your particular cruise and then go to the appropriate port of call listing. The subsequent pages provide a list of shore excursions available to you. Outline the shore excursions that you find interesting and then book your excursion, either in the comfort of your stateroom using the interactive TV system (see details on page 8) or visit with our expert Shore Excursion team on deck 2, the Shore Excursion desk is by the main lobby. Several of our excursions have limited capacity and some tend to sell out quickly; therefore, we suggest that you purchase your excursions as soon as possible in order to avoid disappointment. Although every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of information provided in this brochure, under certain circumstances, changes will be made with our guests' best interest in mind.

For those of you who need further information, the Cruise Director will hold an informative Travel Talk to discuss the many options available in each port of call (consult your Carnival Capers for times and locations). The Shore Excursion Staff is also available to assist you with any questions and recommendations.

When going on a shore excursion in Alaska, it is always recommended you dress appropriately, with comfortable walking shoes and layered clothing. Remember, the weather changes suddenly in Alaska so be prepared for unexpected rain. Be sure to bring your camera and don't forget your sense of adventure!

WEATHER

Sometimes the weather does not realize that our guests are on vacation and subsequently forgets to cooperate. It should be noted that excursions operate rain or shine. At times, tour operators will cancel particular excursions due to weather-related safety considerations. In this instance, refunds will be made for guests holding tickets on a cancelled tour, and all efforts will be made to accommodate guests on an alternate tour.

SAIL & SIGN® CARD

A Sail & Sign® Card will be given to you at embarkation. This card identifies you as a Carnival guest and must be carried with you, along with picture identification, when you go ashore. Since the ship is closed to the public while docked at the various ports of call, you'll have to show your Sail & Sign® Card and picture identification to the security officer on duty in order to return on board.

WILL I HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH MONEY ASHORE?

U.S. currency and traveler's checks are accepted at most ports of call we visit. Storeowners will honor most credit cards, but personal checks are not usually accepted.

CAN I USE THE SHIP IN PORT?

Yes, by all means. While in port, your ship is still your home, and you should feel free to leave or return at any time. Think of it as your home away from home.

CRUISING INTO THE FUTURE!

When booking future cruises with Carnival, you can also purchase your shore excursions in advance, up to 4 months prior to your sail date. Once you have a fully deposited cruise booking, you can register online at www.carnival.com using your booking number. Once registered, you will have access to all of the shore excursions and pricing applicable to your specific itinerary.

Pre-purchased shore excursions will be confirmed online at www.carnival.com and tickets will be delivered to your stateroom on the first day of the cruise.

Review your tickets carefully, paying special attention to the meeting place and departure time as this information may have changed slightly between the time of booking and your sail date.

Important Conditions

PLEASE read the following information before ordering any of the following tours. These conditions are binding upon you when you purchase any excursion or tour through Carnival.

SHORE EXCURSION CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

All cancellations are subject to a 25 percent cancellation fee. Shore excursions cancelled within 24 hours of port arrival are non-refundable. Guests who leave during a shore excursion that includes transportation must return to the ship at their own cost. Some shore excursions require a minimum number of guests to operate. If this minimum is not met, shore excursions may be cancelled.

RESPONSIBILITY

Carnival is not responsible for any losses, injuries, or claims whatsoever arising from, connected with, or related to any activities engaged in by guests while off Carnival's vessels or tenders in any port of call. This includes shore excursions/tours, whether the tickets for the excursions are sold on board the vessel or ashore by third parties. Guests engage in all such activities off the vessel at their own risk.

All shore excursions/tours, including any related transportation, are operated by independent contractors and Carnival neither supervises nor controls their actions, nor makes any representation either express or implied as to their suitability. Carnival sells tickets for all excursions/tours as a convenience to guests only. Shore tour/excursion operators, transportation providers, and their employees are neither agents nor employees of Carnival, notwithstanding their use of any signage or clothing which may contain the name "Carnival" or other related trade names or logos. It is understood and agreed that Carnival assumes no responsibility for, nor guarantees performance of and in no event shall be liable for, any loss, damage, injury, or death in connection with said tours/excursions or transportation. Please refer to your ticket contract for further information regarding your rights and obligations as well as those of Carnival.

OTHER CONDITIONS

Some excursions may not be available on all itineraries; please consult your Shore Excursions Price List. All excursions/tours are subject to change without notice; descriptions, itineraries, locations, and prices may be altered and may vary due to unforeseen circumstances. Descriptions and tour lengths are all based on approximate times and predetermined points of interest. Changes may be unavoidable and can be made at the tour/excursion operator's sole discretion. Children's rates are applicable when noted; children are considered to be between the ages of 4 to 12 years. Guests under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult to participate in shore excursions.

EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES NOT SOLD BY CARNIVAL

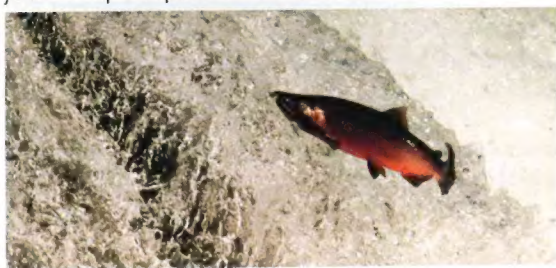
Carnival recommends that guests not engage in excursions, tours, or activities not sold by Carnival as Carnival has no familiarity whatsoever with these services or their operations.

HELICOPTER WEIGHT POLICY

The FAA requires guests' weights and names for weight and balance calculations and flight manifesting. Any guest whose weight is 250 pounds or more will be charged a supplemental fee in order to secure the additional 1/2 seat required. Indicate this by placing (1 1/2) on your Price List. Infants are considered up to 23 months and can sit on the parent's lap. Children, 2 years of age and older, are required to have their own seat and are charged accordingly.

FISHING POLICIES

Alaska State law requires a valid one-day fishing license, which may be purchased from your boat Captain for \$20. In addition, during King Salmon season, you are also required to purchase a \$10 King Salmon license. Please be advised that only cash can be accepted for the licenses. Fish processing and shipping rates vary from port to port. This service is available through your boat captain and can be purchased with cash or credit card. Children, age 12 and under, are required to wear life jackets at all times while on board the vessel. Children must weigh 40 pounds or more to fit the life jacket and participate in the excursion.



Levels of Activity

In an effort to help you select the shore excursion best suited to your physical capabilities, we have added some symbols with each tour description. They provide a general idea of the level of activity to expect on each excursion.



EASY ACTIVITY Non-strenuous excursion including short distances of light walking over relatively even surfaces with few stairs to climb. Some of these excursions may be accessible for wheelchairs. Wheelchair lifts are limited.



MODERATE ACTIVITY Fairly active excursion requiring intermittent effort throughout. The excursion may involve reoccurring physical movement, including walking medium distances over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs.



CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY Very active excursion involving constant effort. The excursion may require continual physical movement, including paddling, walking long distances, or climbing steep inclines.



EXTREME ACTIVITY Please consult the Shore Excursion staff before booking this excursion.



WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE Please consult with the Shore Excursion Staff when ordering any wheelchair-accessible excursions, as accessibility varies for each port.



CAMP CARNIVAL Recommended as one of the activities for you and your children.

Purchasing Your Shore Excursions

The interactive booking system on your stateroom television is the quickest and easiest way to order your shore excursions on board. If you know which shore excursions you would like to order, just follow the steps below using the remote control in your stateroom.

- Step 1** - Turn on your television and increase the volume.
- Step 2** - Press the green MENU button.
- Step 3** - Using the arrow keys on the remote control, scroll down to "Excursions" and press the SELECT key.
- Step 4** - the arrow keys, choose your desired port & press the SELECT key.
- Step 5** - Using the arrow keys, select your excursion, press the SELECT key and review the information, arrow to the "Continue" prompt and press SELECT.
- Step 6** - Using the arrow keys, select your departure time, the number of adult/child tickets you require. Once on the "Purchase" prompt, press SELECT.
- Step 7** - Enter your 4 digit Sail & Sign folio number (located on the bottom right corner of your Sail & Sign card). Press SELECT and your order will be confirmed.
- Step 8** - Remember to exit the menu screen upon completing your order.

YOUR TICKETS WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOUR CABIN

For guests wishing to purchase the additional ½ seat on the helicopter excursions, please purchase your full seat ticket on the TV and see the Shore Excursion staff for the purchase of the additional ½ seat.

Should you wish to purchase a ticket after 10:00pm the day before arriving in port, you may do so at the Purser Information Desk located on deck 2.

Please consult your Carnival Capers for the Shore Excursion Desk hours.





JUNEAU

A TASTE OF JUNEAU

Approximately 4 hours

Travel through Juneau's picturesque downtown in a deluxe motor coach on your way to the Glacier Gardens Rain Forest. Nestled alongside Thunder Mountain is a stunning combination of hanging gardens, flowered pathways and temperate rain forest, locally known as the "Glacier Gardens". Your guide will escort you through the atrium surrounded by forest, landscaped gardens and a cascading stream. A covered shuttle will take you into the rain forest with frequent stops for admiring the flora and fauna. Enjoy the scenic overlook from the mountainside, before heading back down the mountain for a sampling of Russian Tea and Alaskan-style Spice Cake. Juneau's Macaulay Salmon Hatchery is your next stop, which offers interpretive displays on the lifecycle of salmon and the different hatchery operations. Saltwater aquariums enable close-up viewing of live adult salmon and over 100 other species of Alaskan marine life. Before boarding the motor coach, you'll be given a sample of Alaska's finest smoked salmon. A traditional Alaskan salmon bake at Salmon Creek is your final stop. Feast on your choice of alder wood-smoked salmon, chicken or ribs along with rice, salads, corn bread and a selection of beverages. Then, relax by the open fire where you can roast marshmallows or walk down to the Salmon Creek waterfall for a great photo opportunity. Return to the ship at your leisure via shuttle bus.

ALASKA BREWING COMPANY AND GLACIER GARDENS

Approximately 3 hours

Glacier Gardens is nestled against Thunder Mountain and offers visitors a stunning combination of hanging gardens, flowered pathways, and temperate rainforest. You will be



guided through an atrium full of beautiful hanging baskets in full bloom, as well as the unique upside-down trees that cradle all the flowers in their root systems above. From the base of the gardens, you will take a covered shuttle to the 580-foot level, stopping along the way as your guide points out the local flora and fauna on display in this natural setting. Enjoy an awesome view of the Mendenhall wetlands, Gastineau Channel, Douglas Island, Auke Bay, and Admiralty Island from the boarded viewpoint above. Next, it's off to the Alaskan Brewing Company for a tour of this growing local enterprise. Started in 1986 by locals Geoff and Marcy Larson, this brewery now delivers over 100,000 barrels of beer throughout the western states and, of course, Alaska. Alaskan Amber, their most popular beer, was started from a recipe once used by the Douglas City Brewing Company in the late 1800s. Sample 4 different beers, browse through their display of beer bottles, and take home a complimentary beer label and pin. Then enjoy the fully narrated motor coach ride back to your ship.

Note: All passengers need to present ID at the brewing company. Children are also welcome, and will be served root beer. Tour may operate in reverse.

BIKE & BREW

Approximately 4¼ hours

Auke Lake is the beginning of a bike ride that takes you to memorable glacier views and through spectacular rain forest scenery. After a short van ride to the departure point, you'll be fitted on a mountain bike and receive a safety briefing. The first stop is Chapel by the Lake, an old log chapel. The ride continues on the Juneau road system to the west side of the Mendenhall Glacier with a beach stop for a snack.





Proceed to the visitor area at the east side of the Mendenhall Glacier for a one-mile trail ride through the rain forest. At the end of the ride, and after a chance to spend time at the Mendenhall Glacier, board a van for a short ride to the award-winning Alaskan Brewery. While at the brewery, you will learn about the brewing process and sample the award winning beers. Enjoy some time for shopping in the beer memorabilia store before returning to your ship.

Note: Minimum age is 10 years and minimum height is 4' 8". Guests under 21 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. The ride covers approximately 9.5 miles on a flat road with some rolling hills. Valid ID with photo and date of birth is required to participate in beer tasting.

DOG SLED DISCOVERY & MUSHING CAMP

Approximately 2¼ hours



What better way to enjoy Alaska than to experience a team of powerful huskies pulling you through the great backcountry wilderness! Get a glimpse of a truly northern pastime. Learn about the life of sled dogs and their musher and see these dogs in action when they pull you on a fast and thrilling summertime ride. As you head out of Juneau and across to the island of Douglas, your guide will acquaint you with the history of this community. At the kennels, you will meet the dogs and climb onto a wheeled sled, custom made for running during the snow-less summer months. The husky team will whisk you along a wooded trail through some of southeast Alaska's beautiful temperate rain forest. Spruce and hemlock trees and 12" thick spagnum moss surround you on this unique one mile ride. Then, sit down and enjoy a presentation by an Iditarod Veteran, have refreshments and cuddle with some adorable husky puppies. Before heading back, you'll wander through the musher's camp with your guide and learn about the equipment, hard work, and great husky strength that go into the life of dog sledding in the wild, rugged North.

DOG SLEDDING ON THE MENDENHALL GLACIER VIA HELICOPTER

Approximately 2¼ hours

Flight time approximately 30 minutes

Dogsled time approximately 20 minutes

Combine the exhilarating experience of a glacier helicopter flight with one of the oldest pastimes, operating a dogsled, and make your visit a once in a lifetime, true Alaskan adventure. Fly over the lush rain forest, deep blue crevasses and glacier carved peaks as your pilot gives you a spectacular flightseeing tour en route to the dogsled camp on the Mendenhall Glacier. Here, the professional mushers and Alaskan sled dogs will have you driving the team or relaxing in the sled as you take in the awe-inspiring scenery. You will have time to talk with the mushers and take pictures with the dogs before your helicopter takes you back to civilization.

Note: Consult the Helicopter Weight Policy at the beginning of your Shore Excursions booklet prior to booking.



EVENING WHALE QUEST

Approximately 3½ hours



Enjoy a 25-minute motor coach ride to scenic Auke Bay, where you'll board a high-speed catamaran specifically designed for wildlife viewing. Relaxing in the warm, comfortable cabin, you will set out to explore Stephen's Passage, a pristine marine wilderness bordered by snow-capped peaks and glaciers. Stephen's Passage is the world-renowned summer feeding grounds of the humpback whale. Once whales have been sighted, your skilled captain will gently maneuver the vessel to allow exceptional viewing and photographic opportunities at a safe distance. If the whales join to form a cooperative feeding group, the vessel's engines will be silenced and an underwater hydrophone deployed so that you may even get to experience their incredible "singing". Throughout the cruise, your onboard naturalist will explain the humpback whale's behavior and habitat. While enjoying the peaceful ambiance of Alaska's long evening glow, you'll be treated to a delicious variety of appetizers, accompanied by



complimentary beverages. There will also be a no-host bar with a selection of beer and wine. The operators of this tour guarantee you will see a whale. If not, you will receive a \$100 cash refund (\$50 refund per child) as you disembark. But don't anticipate a refund; in the past six years, whales have been sighted on every tour!

Note: Bring a warm jacket to take advantage of the outside areas, and remember to bring your camera.

FLY-FISHING ADVENTURE VIA FLOATPLANE

Approximately 5½ hours

Fishing time approximately 4 hours



Combine the challenge and excitement of fly-fishing with the breathtaking beauty of Alaska from the seat of your Alaska floatplane. After a discussion with your guide, who will outfit you for the day's adventure, you will fly with an experienced bush pilot to a remote stream or tidal estuary in the heart of the Tongass National Forest. Depending on the time of the year, you will be fishing for one of the 4 varieties of pacific salmon or Dolly Varden and cutthroat trout. In addition to the excellent fishing opportunities, you will enjoy a view of the rain forest and its varied wildlife that few visitors see. You may share the stream with eagles, otters, and occasionally bears. A shore side snack is served. Whether you are a newcomer just learning the basics or an experienced caster perfecting your skill, your guides are there to help ensure that you have an enjoyable experience. Due to the extremely limited number of guests participating in this tour, we are able to cater to the individual needs of each participant.

Note: Consult the Fishing Policies at the beginning of your Shore Excursion booklets before prior to booking. This tour is CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY.



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FOUR GLACIER ADVENTURE VIA HELICOPTER

Approximately 2½ hours

Flight time approximately 40 minutes;
glacier time 20 minutes



Soar over Juneau's countryside and spectacular glaciers with ERA helicopters, Alaska's oldest and largest helicopter company. Rated as one of Alaska's top excursions, this narrated tour flies you to a wonderland accessible only by helicopter. Covering 65 miles of the Alaskan wilderness, the highlight of your journey is a glacier landing within the massive Juneau Ice Field. Fly past the cruise ships in port and over downtown Juneau. View the relics of the gold rush days at the A.J. and Treadwell mines. Soar over towering mountaintops, untouched wilderness, picturesque alpine meadows, and crystal lakes. Watch out for moose, bears, mountain goats, and eagles. View up close the Taku Glacier; the retreating Norris Glacier; the cascading Hole-in-the-Wall Glacier; and the mysterious floating Dead Branch Glacier. For your tour highlight, you will land on one of these remote glaciers, with special glacier boots that allow you to walk upon this wondrous river of ice while your pilot explains the glacial features. Your flight will then continue to the landing pad on the Douglass Island waterfront, before you are transported back to the ship.

Note: Consult the Helicopter Weight Policy at the beginning of your Shore Excursions booklet before booking.

FOUR GLACIER HELICOPTER AND DOGSLED ADVENTURE

Approximately 2½ hours

Flight time approximately 35 minutes;
dogsled time 30 minutes



Enjoy a true Alaskan experience. You'll witness all the beauty of a glacier-panorama tour and helicopter landing, combined with a once-in-a-lifetime dogsled ride on the glacier. You will fly over the massive Juneau Ice Field and land at the home of our exclusive dogsledding camp. The scenery above will captivate you as you hear stories of the 1,000-mile dogsled race from Anchorage to Nome called the Iditarod.

Note: Consult the Helicopter Weight Policy at the beginning of your Shore Excursions booklet before booking. Guests are invited to actively participate in this tour. This excursion is available from the end of May through August.

GLACIER FLIGHTSEEING ADVENTURE VIA FLOATPLANE

Approximately 1½ hours

Flight time approximately 45 minutes



The grandeur of Alaska will thrill and delight you beyond expectation on this unforgettable, multi-glacier flight-seeing tour. Once you have boarded your floatplane, the pilot

will gently guide your aircraft over the waters and lush rainforest of the Gastineau Channel. Gaining altitude, you'll approach the Norris Glacier; the massive Taku Glacier; Hole-in-the-Wall Glacier; as well as the East and West Twin Glaciers - all rivers of ice that flow down from the 1,500-square-mile Juneau Ice Field. Weather permitting; your plane will fly over the top of the ice field, returning shipside via the Mendenhall Glacier. A narration tape adds depth to this incredible adventure.

GLACIER VIEW SEA KAYAKING

Approximately 3½ hours

Transfer by bus to North Douglas Island for scenic views of the Mendenhall Glacier and Auke Bay. Upon arrival you'll be outfitted with life jackets and rain gear before beginning your adventure. Guides will show you correct paddling techniques before boarding two-person kayaks for an excursion that will leave you wanting more. The stable-yet-nimble kayaks will allow you to silently approach any wildlife in the area and give you a sense of how the famed Aleut Indians traveled the coastal waterways of Alaska in search of pelts for the Russian fur trading companies. You will be led in groups of 5 to 6 kayaks to places such as the Mendenhall Wetlands where you may have the opportunity to view the Mendenhall Glacier from an ocean explorer's point of view. Your guide will explain the significance of places such as Smugglers Cove, the history of the surrounding area, and help identify local flora and fauna.

Note: This tour operates come rain or shine; warm clothing is recommended, and rain gear and life jackets are provided. Children must weigh at least 40 pounds to fit the life jackets required for participation. All guests must sign a liability release waiver form to participate in this excursion.

GOLD CREEK SALMON BAKE

Approximately 1½ hours

An Alaskan feast for all of your senses! Experience Alaska's "original" outdoor salmon bake. Upon arrival at Gold Creek Salmon Bake, Alaskan-caught salmon will be grilling over an open alderwood fire. You will also enjoy our Cheechako barbecued chicken and ribs, Chilkoot baked beans, Tongass wild rice pilaf, and a variety of fresh salads, corn bread, and lemonade, coffee, or tea. Enjoy the music played by a local musician while you dine beside Salmon Creek, nestled in the lush foliage of southeast Alaska's rain forest, under translucent domes to protect you rain or shine. After dining, roast marshmallows over a crackling campfire. View the beautiful Salmon Creek waterfall, beneath which salmon spawn and remnants of the historic Wagner Mine are evident. This extraordinary outdoor restaurant is truly more than a meal. It's an Alaskan experience!

Note: Alcoholic beverages can be purchased at an additional cost.

GOLD PANNING & SALMON BAKE COMBO

Approximately 3 hours

Relive Juneau's gold rush history and dine at the award winning Gold Creek Salmon Bake, a combination of two popular Juneau tours. A costumed prospector will guide you in a comfortable 24-passenger van through historic Juneau en route to Last Chance Basin. You will trace the route taken by Joe Juneau and Richard Harris in their search for gold over 100 years ago. See the abandoned Alaska-Juneau gold mine and many other historic sites. Near the famous A.J. gold mine, one of the world's largest hard rock mining operations, you will get hands-on experience panning in Gold Creek. "Guaranteed gold!" The prospector recaptures the history of Juneau's gold discovery and hard rock mining as you view the remnants of the mine. Upon your arrival at Gold Creek Salmon Bake, Alaskan-caught salmon will be grilling over an open alderwood fire. You will also enjoy our Cheechako barbecued chicken, Chilkoot baked beans, Tongass wild rice pilaf, a variety of fresh salads, corn bread and lemonade, coffee or tea. Enjoy the local musician while you dine beside Salmon Creek, nestled in the lush foliage of Southeast Alaska's rainforest, under translucent domes to protect you rain or shine. After dining, roast marshmallows over a crackling campfire. View beautiful Salmon Creek waterfall beneath which salmon spawn and remnants of the Wagner Mine exist. This extraordinary outdoor restaurant is truly more than a meal; it's an Alaska adventure.

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GUIDE'S CHOICE ADVENTURE HIKE

Approximately 4½ hours

Put on your hiking boots, fill your lungs with fresh air, and experience a day of world-class hiking. The pace will be brisk, the day unforgettable. Cascading waterfalls, serene alpine meadows, and quiet forest glens are just a few of the treasured places reached only on foot. Along the way, your



naturalist/guide will provide knowledge and perspective on the region's natural and cultural history, and will share his or her favorite local stories. Before leaving the dock, your guide will select the trail best suited for the day's hiking conditions. Weather will be of particular consideration; in this region of mountains and fjords, conditions can vary quickly and dramatically. You may find yourself hiking high above a serene glacier-fed lake, or along a rushing mountain stream. During much of the hike, the views are panoramic; there are many opportunities for photography along the trail, and frequent interpretive stops.

Note: This tour operates in all weather conditions. Hiking boots or shoes with good ankle support are recommended. A poncho, belt pack, water, and snack are provided. You will be hiking between 4 to 6 miles with an elevation gain of 400 to 1,000 feet.

HELICOPTER FLIGHTSEEING & GLACIER WALKABOUT

Approximately 3½ hours

Glacier time approximately 1 hour

Discover the diversity of the southeast Alaska landscape via helicopter as you fly over the temperate rainforests and granite peaks that surround the Juneau ice field. A short ride takes you to the heliport where after a brief orientation you will board the helicopter for a scenic 20-minute flight to the glacier. Your pilot will choose a landing site on one of the 36 glaciers borne of this 1500 square-mile ice field. During this 1-hour interpretive walk, your guide will provide detailed explanations of glacier environments and allow ample time for photo opportunities. After the walk, you will re-board the helicopters for your return flight.

Note: Minimum 8 years of age. Rain and windproof outerwear, boots, gloves, trekking poles and crampons are all provided. Guests must be in reasonable physical condition in order to participate. Please consult the Helicopter Weight Policy at the beginning of your Shore Excursions booklet prior to booking.

HELICOPTER FLIGHTSEEING & GLACIER TREK

Approximately 4 - 4 ½ hours

Glacier time approximately 2 hours

Experience the Juneau Ice Field and glaciers in a way that no view alone can provide. Completely equipped with outerwear, mountaineering gear (ice axe, hard-shell boots, crampons, harness), and a hip pack containing water and a snack, you will join professional guides on a personalized trek through an icescape that only a glacier can provide. Safety and comfort are the highest priorities, allowing you to enjoy a world-class adventure that combines a truly unique ice trek with a magnificent flight in a modern turbine helicopter over rain forest, granite peaks, and glaciers. During your 2 hours



on the glacier, the guides will demonstrate and assist you in the proper use of your mountaineering gear. No experience is necessary, though participants should be prepared for physical activity. All you need to bring is a camera, a willing attitude, and an appetite for adventure.

Note: Consult the Helicopter Weight Policy at the beginning of your Shore Excursions booklet prior to booking. Guests must be 12 years or over to participate, and a parent or guardian must accompany children between the ages of 12 and 16.

HELICOPTER FLIGHTSEEING & EXTENDED GLACIER TREK

Approximately 5½ hours

Glacier time approximately 3 hours

For an Alaskan glacier adventure that will challenge and inspire you, plan on spending 3 hours hiking and climbing over the rugged terrain of the glacier escorted by a professional mountaineering guide. Before your flight to the ice, you will be completely outfitted in the outerwear, hard-shell boots, and mountaineering gear (crampons, ice axe, harness, helmet) needed for your personalized adventure. The helicopter flight over the forests and peaks that surround the Juneau Ice Field will give you a preview of the topography of this vast and rugged environment. Upon landing, your guide will lead you through the basics of glacier travel and then challenge your new skills as you explore cave-like ice seracs, hidden valley glacier pools, and glacial streams. Opportunities for adventure photos abound as you are introduced to basic climbing and rope techniques, enabling you to safely climb and descend the ice walls of the most pristine and remote areas of the glacier. Be sure to bring your spirit of adventure!

Note: It is suggested that you be in good physical condition to participate in this tour. You should be comfortable hiking 3-4 miles over varied and sometimes steep terrain. Rain and wind-proof outerwear, mountaineering boots, crampons, harness, gaiters, hip pack, gloves, ice axe, and



helmets are all provided. Guests should dress appropriately: comfortable layers, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, and mid-height athletic or hiking socks are recommended. Minimum age is 16 years. Participants must sign a waiver, before participating in this activity. Consult the Helicopter Weight Policy at the beginning of your Shore Excursions booklet prior to booking.

HISTORIC GOLD MINING AND PANNING ADVENTURE

Approximately 1½ hours

Relive Juneau's gold rush history and pan for gold in the authentic setting of Gold Creek. A costumed prospector will guide you in a comfortable 24-passenger van through a historic residential area en route to Last Chance Basin. You will trace the route taken by Joe Juneau and Richard Harris in their search for gold over 100 years ago. Near the famous Alaska-Juneau gold mine, one of the world's largest hard-rock mining operations, you will get hands-on experience panning for gold in Gold Creek. "Guaranteed gold!" The prospector then recaptures the history of Juneau's gold discovery and hard rock mining as we view the remnants of the mine.



JUNEAU GOLD MINE TOUR

Approximately 3 hours

Relive Juneau's mining heritage on a unique tour of what was once the world's largest producing gold mill! Constructed in 1913, the Alaska Gastineau Mill was designed to crush and recover gold from 6,000 tons of rock per day. Following a short ride to the site of the mill ruins, your knowledgeable driver sets the stage as you make your way up the mountain through picturesque Sheep Creek Valley. From there, follow the path of the ore to the Railroad Superintendent's house. Enjoy a display of different mining techniques and equipment, then marvel at the view of Gastineau Channel far below. Your informative guide will entertain you with stories and history throughout your excursion. Venture underground into the conveyer tunnel through which crushed ore was transported to the mill. Don hard hats and proceed along a boardwalk into the 360-foot long tunnel. Inside, experienced miners demonstrate mining equipment and give you a feel for the mining lifestyle. Return to the mill site, where crushed rocks were further processed and gold recovered. After a visit to the gift shop, your driver will bring you up to date on the mining industry's current role in Juneau as you return to town.

Note: Dress warmly for the underground portion of the tour as temperatures can dip into the low 30's. Be advised that there will be some walking over uneven terrain and stairs.



JUNEAU CITY & MENDENHALL GLACIER TOUR

Approximately 3 hours

This tour offers an excellent overview of the state's capital and its scenic attractions, including the world's only drive-in glacier, Mendenhall. Visiting the Mendenhall Glacier, a moving river of ice with rugged crevasses and a distinctive blue color, you will travel the foot trails and take in one of the interpretive talks or simply enjoy the panoramic views. During your visit to the glacier, you will also get the chance to visit their state-of-the-art visitor's center, which gives you the audio and visual history of the glacier. Along with exploring the sights of the glacier, the scenic drive through the adjacent countryside takes you through the University of Alaska campus and on to Juneau's Gastineau Salmon Hatchery Visitors Center (operating fully when in season). This facility offers interpretive displays on the life cycle of salmon and many different hatchery operations, as well as saltwater aquariums enabling close-up views of live adult salmon and over 100 other species of Alaskan Sea life.

Note: Guests on this tour will not be able to walk on the glacier. You will be staying across the lake at the Glacier Visitors Center, which offers spectacular views of the glacier face.



JUNEAU SPORTFISHING

Approximately 5 hours

The protected waters of the Inside Passage near Juneau are home to bountiful populations of salmon. Join a 28-foot charter boat operated by an experienced, Coast Guard-licensed captain, for a spectacular fishing excursion. Depending on run timing, you will be pursuing king, chum, pink or silver salmon. Light tackle fishing equipment, bait, raingear, snacks and beverages are provided. Along with the prospect of great fishing, your outing journey will provide an





excellent opportunity to view the surrounding scenery and photograph marine mammals and bird life.

Note: Consult the Fishing Policies at the beginning of your Shore Excursions booklet prior to booking.

MENDENHALL GLACIER AND GARDEN TOUR

Approximately 3½ hours



Nestled alongside Thunder Mountain is a stunning combination of hanging gardens, flowered pathways, and temperate rainforest. Upon arrival at Glacier Gardens Rainforest Adventure, your tour guide will escort you to an exquisite atrium full of beautiful hanging baskets in full bloom. Forest, landscaped gardens, and a stream surround the atrium, and you will enjoy a guided tour in covered shuttles into the rain forest. Your guide will narrate the mile-long journey to the 580-foot level, as you enjoy frequent stops for discussion of the many varieties of flora and fauna on display in this natural setting. Enjoy breathtaking views of the Gastineau Channel, Douglas Island, Auke Bay, Stephen's Passage, Admiralty Island, and the Chilkat Mountain range from the viewpoint on Thunder Mountain. Visit Mendenhall Glacier, a moving river of ice with rugged crevasses and a distinctive blue color, which appears deceptively close because of its immense size. Stroll the walkways to the U.S. Forestry Service Visitors' Center and take in one of the glaciology exhibits, listen to an interpretive talk with a Forest Service Ranger, or marvel at the panoramic views of the glacier. Spotting scopes are available for a close-up view of the glacier and to assist wildlife viewing. Throughout the tour, your knowledgeable driver/guide will keep you informed of the past and present history of Alaska's capital city.

Note: Guests on this tour will not be able to walk on the glacier. You will be staying across the lake at the Glacier Visitors Center, which offers spectacular views of the glacier face.

MENDENHALL GLACIER AND SALMON BAKE

Approximately 3 hours



This tour combines an excellent overview of the state's capital city and its scenic attractions with a delicious Salmon Bake at Gold Creek. Enjoy a guided tour through Juneau's



picturesque downtown and past the capitol building on the way to mighty Mendenhall Glacier, a moving river of ice with rugged crevasses and a distinctive blue color that appears deceptively close because of its immense size. Stroll the walkways to the U.S. Forest Service Visitors' Center and take in one of the glaciology exhibits, listen to an interpretive talk with a Forest Service Ranger, or simply enjoy the panoramic view of the glacier. Your tour ends with a great outdoor salmon bake at Gold Creek consisting of smoked salmon, chicken, and ribs, available with rice, salads, corn bread, and a selection of beverages (beer and wine are available for an additional charge). You can view the Salmon Creek waterfall and the many other features of this great outdoor restaurant before returning to downtown Juneau or to your ship.

Note: Guests on this tour will not be able to walk on the glacier. You will be staying across the lake at the Glacier Visitors Center, which offers spectacular views of the glacier face.

MENDENHALL GLACIER AND WILDLIFE QUEST

Approximately 5 hours

Glacier time - 45 minutes



Take a narrated motor coach tour to view and photograph Alaska's most famous glacier, the Mendenhall. At the recently renovated Glacier Center you will have the opportunity to visit with Forest Service interpreters. As time allows, stroll the glacier-view path or take a short walk to watch salmon spawning in a nearby stream. Back aboard the motor coach, you will take a scenic route through the Mendenhall Valley and past Auke Lake where you will board a waterjet-powered catamaran specially designed for wildlife viewing. Relax in the warm, comfortable, spacious main cabin, surrounded by large windows as your experienced captain guides you through the island-studded waters of Stephen's Passage. The on board naturalist will explain the behavior and habitat of wildlife you may encounter, including humpback and killer whales, Steller sea lions, Dall's porpoises, harbor seals, bald eagles, and Sitka black-tailed deer. The operators of this tour guarantee you will see a whale. If not, you will receive a \$100 cash refund (\$50 refund per child) as you disembark. Don't anticipate a refund; in the past 7 years, whales have been sighted on

every tour! The vessel is restroom equipped, and binoculars and souvenir route maps are provided along with complimentary snacks and beverages.

Note: Tour may operate in reverse. A warm jacket is recommended and remember to bring your camera!

MENDENHALL GLACIER BY HELICOPTER & GUIDED WALK

Approximately 2¼ hours

Flight time approximately 30 minutes;

Glacier time 20 minutes

Travel back into the ice age with Alaska's original glacier helicopter touring company! Board a modern 5-6 passenger turbine helicopter for a voyage to the world famous Mendenhall Glacier! Arrive at the heliport to be fitted into a pair of glacier boots and presented with a safety briefing by our attendants. Soar over wetland habitat, alpine ridges, and thriving rain forests to the awe-inspiring glacier. Cruise effortlessly above twisted ice spires and deep blue crevasses that dominate the glacier. Gain altitude as you pass the Mendenhall Towers - rock sentinels that escalate 3,000 feet - and spectacular icefalls that overflow from the grand Juneau Ice Field. The showcase continues on your flight as you find the opportunity to marvel at Suicide Icefalls, Nugget Spires, and several hanging glaciers that seem to flow off the Juneau Ice Field. Gently land on this moving river of ice and watch as your helicopter is whisked away to leave you alone to experience Alaska's outdoor serenity. Your guide will show you locations to investigate rocky moraines and moulins while you gain knowledge of how the glacier forms, flows, and shapes the surrounding landscape. Once your pilot returns, lift off and view for the last time the unforgettable sight of the Mendenhall Glacier as you soar back into civilization. Watch for possible sightings of Alaska's wildlife: goats, eagles, wolves, and bears.

Note: A waterproof jacket and sunglasses are recommended. Consult the Helicopter Weight Policy at the beginning of your Shore Excursions booklet prior to booking.

MENDENHALL GLACIER FLOAT TRIP

Approximately 3½ hours

This is an exciting yet gentle introduction to white-water



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rafting! Your adventure begins with a scenic tour to Mendenhall Lake, where you will have an excellent view of the glacier - 1½ miles wide and 150 feet high. Near the shoreline, suit up with rain gear, life jackets, and rubber boots. Each raft carries 8 to 12 people and is rowed by an experienced guide. Paddle rafts are available for the more adventuresome. Floating down past the Mendenhall River, you will be treated to spectacular views of hanging glaciers, towering peaks, and glacial topography whilst encountering stretches of moderate rapids that add excitement to the trip.

An entertaining guide will explain the natural phenomena at work in this scenic valley. Once ashore, you will enjoy an Alaskan-style snack featuring smoked salmon, reindeer sausage, cheese, pilot bread, and apple cider. Turn in your rafting gear and return to town by motor coach.

Note: All participants are provided with rain gear, life jackets, and rubber boots. Tour operates in all weather conditions; warm clothing is recommended. Children must weigh at least 40 pounds to fit the life jackets required for participation. Guests will be required to sign a liability release form to participate in this tour. Bring an extra pair of socks! This excursion operates under a Special Use Permit issued by the U.S. Forest Service.

MENDENHALL LAKE CANOE ADVENTURE

Approximately 4 hours

Paddle to the face of the dramatic Mendenhall Glacier in a 12-person traditional native canoe. Navigate the shimmering waters of Mendenhall Lake while your guide tells tales and traditional legends. Imagine a time when the region's first people, the Tlingit, traversed the waters of southeast Alaska in hand-carved canoes. The journey across the iceberg-studded lake will transport you to a world of stunning beauty and ancient traditions. Land on the shore near Nugget Falls for a snack before paddling back across the lake. Experience an exhilarating outdoor adventure that you won't soon forget.

Note: All participants must be physically able to paddle. Dress warmly and bring extra socks. Children must weigh at least 50 pounds to participate and must be accompanied by an adult. Due to USFS permit conditions, this tour has limited capacity and may sell out.



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PHOTO SAFARI BY LAND & SEA

Approximately 4¾ hours



Capture Juneau's top attractions and abundant marine wildlife on a single excursion. Your professional photography coach will take you to local photo hot spots while sharing tips and techniques to enhance your images. Your guide will choose from a variety of secluded destinations, so be prepared for a short walk. The flexible itinerary allows for changing light and weather conditions. Historic relics, glacier views and seasonal highlights - such as spawning salmon - will occupy the outdoor enthusiast. You will also get up-close and personal aboard our exclusive exploration vessel for an unforgettable journey through the pristine waterways of Juneau's Channel Islands. The star of the show can be different every day: Blue glacier ice, light on a foggy channel, a misty rainforest, feeding humpback whales, curious sea lions and even sleek killer whales are possibilities. Learn about Juneau's natural wonders as you strive to capture that "magical moment" in the medium that's worth a thousand words.

Note: Group size is limited to 14 participants to ensure a comfortable and interactive atmosphere. Walking distance is limited to approximately ¾ of a mile on level improved trails. Rain ponchos, bottled water, and a snack are included. This excursion operates in all weather conditions.

"PILOT'S CHOICE" GLACIER HELICOPTER EXPLORER

Approximately 2¾ hours

Flight time approximately 50 minutes



Once you arrive at the heliport facility and walk through the doors, you will experience royal treatment by our highly professional Tour Attendants and be presented with a safety briefing and glacier boots. Next, imagine flightseeing away

from the typical flight routes and discover places that our experienced pilots usually keep to themselves - places like Wonderland, a jewel-like valley enclosure of the Herbert Glacier, or fascinating spots such as Hidden Valley, Glacier King, Devil's Paw, and many others. Take to the air to the highest and most remote glaciers and mountain peaks on the Juneau Ice Field. This highly exclusive tour allows you the opportunity to land at 2 spectacular locations. Your pilot will captivate you with spectacles of clear aqua pools, crevasses, and other glacier features. The itinerary is flexible, allowing your pilot to create the best possible tour for you under the current weather and glacier conditions. You are guaranteed to see some of the most fascinating views on this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Note: Consult the Helicopter Weight Policy at the beginning of your Shore Excursions booklet prior to booking. Very limited participation.

RAIN FOREST & SEACOAST NATURE WALK

Approximately 3 hours



Step into the stillness of the Alaskan rainforest. Stroll beneath towering hemlock and spruce on this world-class nature walk as an expert Naturalist shares the hidden stories of the plants, animals, and people that call this place home. A short bus ride takes you away from the bustle of downtown to tranquil, forested Douglas Island where some of Alaska's most charismatic animal species live. As you walk the trail, your Naturalist will help you search for signs and watch for wildlife.

As you explore the forest path, your guide will share lore from local Tlingit Indian practices as well as plant uses from other traditions. Experience the place, learn its wisdom, and hear about what it means to the people of this coastal region. The Rainforest Trail is a gentle loop trail of approximately 1.5 miles in length. It meanders through forest, wetland, meadows and along a pristine inviting beach. There will be many stops along the way for interpretation and excellent opportunities for photography. Participants on this walk of discovery will have a great outdoor experience and bring home knowledge that lasts a lifetime.

Note: The Rainforest Trail is well-surfaced; there is minimal elevation gain. Participants should be able to walk over uneven terrain for approximately 2 hours. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Rain ponchos and water are provided as desired.

RAIN FOREST CANOPY & ZIP LINE ADVENTURE

Approximately 3½ hours



This thrilling eco-adventure combines the thrill of flying across a series of zip lines, traversing suspended "sky-bridges", a high speed sea channel crossing aboard an expedition craft, a rugged 6 x 6 off-road vehicle mountain ascent, and exploring



the hidden relics of the historic Treadwell Gold Mine. Board a U.S. Coast Guard certified expedition vessel for a high speed crossing of the Gastineau Channel en route to a beach landing at the remote Treadwell mine site on Douglas Island. Just off the beach, you will be met by trained guides who will escort you to the base camp where you will be given the necessary equipment and outfitted, if required, for inclement weather. A full safety briefing is given before leaving base camp and heading up the mountain in a 6 x 6 off road vehicle to the first zip line tree platform. This is your introduction to nearly a mile of high tension cables linking a network of platforms mounted high on carefully selected Sitka Spruce trees. Enjoy breathtaking views of Bullion Creek and downtown Juneau from your tree top vantage points while your guides ease you into the forest canopy safely guiding you from platforms to zip lines and across aerial suspension bridges. Discover the hidden ruins of the historic Treadwell Mine (1881-1917), once one of the world's largest gold mines. You will have an opportunity to explore the ruins of the original mine refinery, where millions of dollars of molten gold were poured into ingots. Throughout this nature based adventure, you will be surrounded by the sights and sounds of Alaska's rain forest. On the last zip line, you will glide back to base camp, rappelling down to the forest floor. At base camp, each participant receives a light snack and is presented with a "One of a kind" Alaska Canopy Adventures medal, in recognition of your achievement. Your guide provides an informative narration throughout your journey.

Note: Minimum age is 10 years. Guests under 18 years must be accompanied by a participating parent. Minimum weight is 90 lbs and maximum weight is 250 lbs. This excursion is designed for persons in good physical condition. Participants must be comfortable with heights. Pregnant women and persons with pre-existing or current medical conditions are not permitted on this excursion. Completion of a waiver and/or release form is required. Closed-toe shoes are required. Skirts are not allowed; long pants and layered clothing are recommended. Rain gear will be provided when needed.

TAKU GLACIER LODGE FLIGHT & FEAST

Approximately 3 hours

Flight time approximately 45 minutes

Taking off from Juneau's waterfront, you will enjoy an unrestricted view of 5 magnificent glaciers of the Juneau Ice Field on your floatplane adventure. Deep-blue crevasses, snow-capped mountains, cascading waterfalls, and lush green forest will unfold beneath the wings. The Taku River will be your runway as you land at the historic Taku Lodge, built in 1923. The lodge is located directly across the river from the picturesque Hole-in-the-Wall Glacier; so don't forget your camera! The aroma of alder-grilled salmon welcomes you as the fire crackles in the old stone fireplace. You will savor the lodge-cooked meal of baked beans, cole slaw, pioneer fruit compote, fresh herb biscuits, and sourdough bread to complement the grilled-to-perfection Alaskan salmon. Ginger cookies, Russian tea, coffee, or iced-tea, and lemonade chilled with glacier ice complete the meal. Beer and wine are also available. While enjoying your meal, your host will entertain you with stories of the early days, such as Mary-Joyce and her famous dogsled trip. The lodge's unique interior is decorated with old dogsleds, hunting and trapping gear, furs, and skins. Quite often, the aroma of salmon attracts black bears in search of a tasty morsel. There will be time before your flight back to Juneau to stroll the trails of an old-growth forest or relax with a beverage and soak in the serenity of a place barely touched by time.

TOWN, TRAM & TREK

Approximately 2½ hours

Experience it all! This excursion features a ride on the tram and a walk on one of Juneau's most spectacular mountains! Learn about the gold rush in the capital city as your motor coach passes through historic downtown Juneau. After discovering Juneau, you will board the tram for an effortless five-minute ride to the 1,800-foot level of Mount Roberts. Hit the trail with a naturalist/guide and discover what effect Mother Nature has had on this magical area. Marvel at the spectacular views where meadow meets forest and where porcupines, marmots and black bears share the air with alpine wildflowers and twisty timberline trees. Your tram ticket is good all day.

Note: Guests must be in reasonable physical condition and able to walk for up to 1½ hours over uneven terrain. This tour operates in all weather conditions. Depending on weather conditions an alternate trail may be walked prior to boarding the tram.





WHALE QUEST & SALMON BAKE COMBO

Approximately 5 hours



This exciting tour combines a "whales guaranteed" wildlife cruise with Alaska's premier salmon bake. Following a motor coach ride to scenic Auke Bay, you will board a water jet-powered catamaran specially designed for wildlife viewing. Relax, as your captain guides you through the island-studded waters of Stephen's Passage. The onboard naturalist will explain the behavior and habitat of wildlife you may encounter, including humpback and killer whales, sea lions, porpoise, harbor seals, bald eagles and other wildlife species. The operators of this tour guarantee you will see a whale. If not, you will receive a \$100 cash refund (\$50 refund per child) as you disembark. But don't anticipate a refund; in the past seven years whales have been sighted on every tour! Back ashore; a motor coach is waiting to take you to the Gold Creek Salmon Bake. Enjoy an outdoor feast of alder-smoked salmon and barbecued chicken and ribs, along with rice pilaf, baked beans, salads, corn bread, and a selection of beverages. Beer and wine are also available for an additional charge. Roast marshmallows over a crackling fire, walk the trail to a waterfall, and enjoy many other features of this beautiful rain forest setting.

WHALE WATCHING & WILDLIFE QUEST

Approximately 4 hours



Take a short motor coach ride to scenic Auke Bay, where you will board a high-speed catamaran specifically designed for wildlife viewing. Relax in the warm, comfortable main cabin, surrounded by large panoramic windows as your experienced captain guides you through the island-studded waters of Stephen's Passage. Against the majestic backdrop of the Chilkat mountains and the glaciers of the Juneau Ice Field, your onboard naturalist explains the behavior and habitats of the wildlife you may encounter, including humpback and killer whales, Stellar sea lions, harbor seals, bald eagles, and Sitka black-tailed deer. The operators of this tour guarantee you will see a whale. If not, you'll receive a

\$100 cash refund (\$50 refund per child) as you disembark. But don't anticipate a refund; in the past seven years, whales have been sighted on every tour! Throughout your cruise the attentive crew will offer complimentary snacks and beverages.

Note: Bring a warm jacket to take advantage of the outside areas. Remember to bring your camera.

WILD COAST EXPLORATION BY PRIVATE BOAT

Approximately 3½ hours **NEW TOUR**

Sold per vessel only



Set out aboard a deluxe catamaran to explore glacier-carved fjords and wild stretches of coast at your own pace. Your knowledgeable Captain and expedition Naturalist will assist you to design a unique shore excursion cruise adventure that incorporates your personal interests. As soon as you depart Juneau's picturesque harbor, it is apparent why Alaska's capital city is not accessible by road. The steep mountain slopes surrounding town are grooved by countless avalanche chutes and waterfalls. Your private, expedition-style catamaran is the perfect vehicle for exploring this region's ice-hewn fjords and rugged coasts. You can enjoy almost limitless opportunities for discovery. If you want to observe whales, sea lions, porpoise, bears and bald eagles — your skilled Captain has a profound understanding of their preferred habitats and patterns of movement. He also knows the best places to explore and photograph glacier-carved peaks, untamed river deltas, secluded inlets, tidal estuaries and other natural wonders. If "hands on" Alaska is your style, you may opt to haul crab pots to get a close-up look at denizens of the deep, or stop by a commercial fishing boat at work to talk with the crew and admire the day's catch. If you wish, you can step ashore in a wild place of your choosing — to explore tide pools, hike on game trails through old-growth forest, or just savor the peacefulness of an untouched land. Your expedition craft is a new, 33-foot catamaran, designed specially for custom cruising. The spacious, heated cabin provides deluxe seating for six, a restroom and galley. The vessel also features large wrap-around windows, an expansive open-air deck, and is fitted with a special bow-landing door to allow easy beach access. This day is yours; explore the Inside Passage wilderness as you please.

Note: Rain poncho, binoculars, a variety of beverages and snacks are included. Guests should dress warmly in layers, and wear sturdy footwear if planning to go ashore. Be sure to bring your camera to capture the many photographic opportunities!



KETCHIKAN

ADVENTURE KART & JET BOAT EXPEDITION

Approximately 4 hours

Kart time approximately 55 minutes

Mahoney Lake and its cascading waterfall is the destination. Your adventure will begin with a motor coach transfer through Ketchikan to the Cape Fox Rainforest Preserve on the shores of George Inlet. Here, at base camp, you will be introduced to the Tomcar® expedition karts, receive an orientation and all the necessary safety gear. En route to the Mahoney Lake basin, with kart guides stationed at the head and rear of the expedition convoy to ensure a safe pace, you will make some scenic stops to enable you to take in the splendor of the region. Once at the lake, a short rest period is given where you will be encouraged to view the falls. This will also be a chance for drivers to swap places and for refreshments. From the Mahoney Lake basin, the convoy will return to base camp. The final leg of the adventure is a 60-minute exhilarating jet boat ride, tracing the shoreline of George Inlet and heading towards the cruise ship dock.

Note: All drivers must present a valid driver's license. For safety reasons, all participants must be over 40 pounds in weight and over 50 inches tall. The karts are driven over very uneven terrain and in all weather conditions. Pregnant women and guests with back/neck injuries or who have a history of seizures, dizziness, fainting, heart conditions, or respiratory problems are not permitted on this excursion.

ALASKA BEAR ADVENTURE

Approximately 3¼ hours

Available mid July - September

Taking off by floatplane, you will enjoy a unique wildlife experience available only to a small number of visitors. Your bush pilot will take you on an approximate 20-minute flight to a remote location in the Tongass National Forest noted for its



salmon rich streams. Few forest locations in North America offer the wildlife viewing opportunities found here. After landing in a remote bay, you will be met by an Alaskan Naturalist and driven one mile by van along a forest road to the trail head, a quarter-mile guided hike along the improved trail leading to a viewing platform overlooking a beautiful salmon spawning stream. Watch for wildlife along the way as your guide identifies the rich variety of vegetation that flourishes in this rich rainforest environment. In addition to black bears, Sitka black-tailed deer, bald eagles, minks, and martens frequent the area. Wildlife sightings are frequent; however, they cannot be guaranteed. The viewing platform is where you look down on fast moving rapids, an area where black bears gather to feed on runs of pink, coho and chum salmon as they head upstream to spawn. See bald eagles perched in the surrounding trees waiting for the fish scraps left by the bears. Interpretation by your Naturalist/guide will enhance this intimate natural experience. Each participant will receive an authentic Alaska Bush Plane Certificate that includes a floatplane photograph and is signed by the pilot. **Note:** Comfortable hiking footwear and waterproof outerwear recommended; bottled water will be provided. Access to this prime bear viewing area is restricted by the U.S. Forest Service to minimize the impact and to protect the resources. This excursion operates approximately mid July-September.

ALASKAN CHEF'S TABLE, A CULTURAL FARE!

Approximately 2 hours **NEW TOUR**



Whether you are a gourmet or simply a fine dining connoisseur, this is a tour to savor; hold on to the fond memory of an exquisite meal highlighted by an exciting host. On this delightful excursion, you will step out of the ordinary and be our guest for a meal that will not only please your palate, but give you personal stories highlighting Ketchikan's culture. Enter the private club room overlooking the harbor and feel an immediate sense of intimacy with a handful of guests as you settle in with your host. You will hear of Norwegian grandmothers in the Lutheran Church basement, competing to cook up the best fish cake in town. Relive tales of stormy nights at sea while comparing the rich tastes of Spot Prawns, King, and Dungeness crab. The five course tasting menu is choreographed to highlight Alaska's sustainable, wild bounty and your personal chef serves your succulent meal while sharing secret methods of brining, roasting, smoking and grilling. You'll leave this event with the recipes and the knowledge to duplicate your sumptuous meal for friends at home.

Note: Minimum age is 5 years. With 24 hours' advance notice, alternatives can be provided for guests who are allergic to shellfish or desire a vegetarian meal.



BACKCOUNTRY JEEP AND CANOE SAFARI

Approximately 4 hours



Fill your senses with adventure and excitement as you take control of a 4-wheel drive Jeep Wrangler® and wind your way through the rugged back roads of Revillagigedo Island. Grab a paddle and join your companions in a 20-passenger Indian-style canoe navigating your way across a mountain lake, where you will enjoy a nature hike and hearty snack. You will be paired with traveling companions (4 to a jeep), and begin the adventure into the mountainous roads of the Tongass National Forest. Enjoy lush rainforest and magnificent scenery as your guides provide interesting and informative commentary along the way. You'll be fascinated by the area's natural history as you pass through old growth and new-growth forests. Learn about the timber industry's reforestation methods while you stop for some fantastic views and photo opportunities. Along the route there will be an opportunity to change drivers. The Jeep® portion of your tour concludes with your arrival at Lake Harriet Hunt. Here, you'll experience a unique ecosystem from the vantage point of a large, easy-to-paddle-guided canoe. On the other side of the lake your expert safari guide will lead a nature hike through an old-growth forest. A remote camp is base for an Alaskan snack. Enjoy a short narrated transfer back to safari base camp and your ship. Bring your camera and a driver's license.

Note: Dress comfortably in warm clothing. Tour will operate in all weather conditions. Drivers must be at least 25 years old, are required to show a current driver's license, and must sign a liability/insurance waiver. Guests must be in moderate to good physical condition to participate in this excursion. Children must weigh at least 40 pounds in order to fit into required life jackets while canoeing.

BEAR CREEK ZIPLINE & CHALLENGE COURSE **NEWTour**



Approximately 3 1/4 hours

Enter the Fun-Zone! Experience an eco-rainforest adventure, suitable for beginners and experts, featuring zip

lines, tree platforms, a skywalk, rainforest swing, rope bridge, "giants" ladder, spruce slide, climbing tower, and a bush camp rendezvous. A scenic 8-mile coastal drive from Ketchikan will take you to the lush rainforest reserve of Herring Cove. Your adventure begins with a ride up the steep hillside in a custom all-terrain 4x4 Unimog to the briefing camp. After outfitting and orientation, your guides will introduce you to 4 dual cable zip lines, intersected by a lofty suspension bridge, with an aerial view of Bear Creek. Fly like Tarzan on the rainforest swing, tackle the climbing tower and "Giants" ladder; negotiate a rope bridge, and speed down the spruce slide. Enjoy panoramic ocean, forest and mountain views from the tree platforms and see tall stands of spruce, hemlock and cedar. You may even catch a glimpse of some wildlife that inhabits this area. Afterwards, gather around the campfire at a rustic bush camp for an intimate break with hot chocolate, s'mores and a light snack. Gear down at the base camp, where you will receive a special award in recognition of your achievement. You will have the opportunity to view your action photograph and shop in the General Store before returning to your ship.

Note: Minimum age is 5 years; guests under 18 years must be accompanied by a parent. Minimum height is 3 feet; minimum weight is 50 lbs.; maximum weight is 250 lbs. Full use of limbs is required. Pregnant women and guests with back/neck problems, injuries or seizure disorders are not permitted on this excursion. Waiver is required. Guests must be comfortable with heights. Closed-toe shoes are required. Long pants and layered clothing are recommended. Rain gear is provided. The order of tour features may vary.

BERING SEA CRAB FISHERMAN'S TOURSM **NEWTour**



Approximately 3 1/2 hours

Set out into the calm protected waters of Southeast Alaska in the *F/V Aleutian Ballad*, the same vessel seen on the Discovery Channel's "Deadliest Catch" program. Now, completely modified with your safety and comfort in mind in the state-of-the-art onboard amphitheatre, the *Aleutian Ballad* is ready to take you on an experience unlike any other. Alaska's commercial fisheries will come alive! You will be so close to the action that you will feel sea water dripping from



700 pound king crab pots as they land on the *Ballad*. Be prepared with your camera as king and snow crab, octopus, prawns and sharks, just to name a few, are set on deck, just a few feet away. The animals are placed in a live tank before being released back into the wild. Experienced Bering Sea fishermen, who have captured the imagination of people all over the world, will re-tell tales of their adventures. Experience this amazing opportunity to see and understand the men who fish one of the most extreme fishing grounds on the planet.

Note: Minimum age is 5 years. Guests should dress in comfortable, warm layers of clothing. An Image Release is requested of all passengers.

BEST OF KETCHIKAN BY LAND & SEA

Approximately 3½ hours



Experience Ketchikan's rich maritime history, native culture and breathtaking wilderness surroundings... by land and by sea. Departing your ship by motor coach, your friendly driver/guide will give a lively narrative while pointing out historic Creek Street, where homes and shops are perched over the water on wooden pilings. At Saxman Village, stop to view one of the world's largest gatherings of totem poles. Your guide will interpret the meanings of these giant sentries, which border the park and entrance to the Beaver Clan House. Your sightseeing continues to George Inlet, where a relaxing stroll through the rain forest brings you to the historic Libby Cannery. Beginning with a short video, this fascinating tour will take you back to the days when rugged men and women toiled day and night to harvest and process the abundant Alaska salmon. From the Cannery Dock, you'll board a water-jet powered vessel with heated main cabin, comfortable seating, a snack bar and restroom. While exploring the coastline of glacier-carved George Inlet, the onboard Naturalist will explain the natural history of Southeast Alaska's forests and ocean. Seals, porpoises, eagles and other species of wildlife are often sighted on this cruise; the Captain will maneuver the boat to give the best possible



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view. Entering Tongass Narrows, you will pass by a fascinating variety of working vessels. A mariner's view of Alaska's busiest port and your cruise ship will provide this tour's final backdrop for learning how Ketchikan earned its title as "Salmon Capital of the World".

Note: Wildlife sightings are frequent, but not guaranteed. This tour is also conducted in reverse order. The Libby Cannery is a historic site and no longer a working cannery. This excursion is not recommended for passengers who have difficulty walking.

CANOPY ADVENTURE & WILDLIFE EXPEDITION

Approximately 3½ hours



This is the ultimate nature experience! Imagine the thrill of gliding through the top of a rich rain forest canopy along a series of cables suspended between tall spruce, hemlock and cedar trees, bordering the magnificent Tongass National Forest. This major rain forest reserve embraces one of Alaska's richest salmon spawning streams and a pristine intertidal estuary. The abundant wildlife habitat includes a high concentration of bald eagles, black bear, and a variety of other species. This eco-adventure combines the rain forest canopy with a flight over 8 zip lines and 4,500 feet of high tension cables, 3 aerial bridges and a ground based network of nature trails and boardwalks. A 4 x 4 expedition vehicle will transport you up a steep hillside to the canopy chalet where you will be outfitted with state of the art safety equipment. Here, your professionally trained guides provide a detailed safety briefing, prior to mounting to the first platform. Your guides will progressively ease you into the forest canopy along cables ranging from a short 175 feet to the 850 foot pulse-pounding "Ben's Revenge". Watch for wildlife from the tree platforms, discover a hidden waterfall, and cross 3 hanging sky bridges; all offering breathtaking views of the virgin forest below. You will be up to 135 feet above the forest floor. Throughout this adventure you will be surrounded by the sights and sounds of the rain forest. The final zip line emerges from the rain forest and transports you over lush grassy wetlands to a viewing tower, 55 feet above ground. Descend stairs and return to the base camp, where each participant is awarded the custom cast Alaska Canopy Adventures medal, in recognition of your achievement. Upon completion of this once in a lifetime experience, view the exhibits in the Interpretive Center, enjoy a complimentary snack and hot beverage, and shop in the General Store.

Note: Minimum age is 10 years. Guests under 16 years must be accompanied by a participating parent or legal guardian. Weight must be between 90 lbs and 250 lbs. This excursion is designed for persons in good physical condition. Participants must be comfortable with heights. Pregnant women and guests with pre-existing or current medical

conditions should not take this excursion. Completion of a waiver and/or release form is required. Closed-toe shoes are required. Skirts are not allowed. Long pants and layered clothing are recommended. Raingear will be provided, if needed.

CLOVER PASS JET BOAT & TOTEM TRIBAL HOUSE **NEW TOUR**

Approximately 4 hours

Discover Ketchikan's wilderness backcountry and enjoy a stop at a traditional native village. Your excursion begins with a scenic narrated drive, for approximately 30 minutes, en route to breathtaking Salmon Falls Resort. Here, you will enjoy a light meal in the log dining room and have a chance to explore the picturesque grounds and cascading waterfall. Then it's time to take in more scenic wilderness and beauty as you depart the dock in a comfortable high-speed, fully-enclosed jet boat. Learn of the flora, fauna and sea life of the area as your boat captain whisks you across the pristine waters of Clover Pass. Your guide will entertain you with stories of coastal living and you'll view many of the remote homes along the island-studded channel. The next portion of your journey takes you to Potlatch Park where you'll learn the history of the region's first inhabitants. Enjoy the opportunity to enter a traditional native tribal house as well as to view and photograph stately totems up close. Conclude your visit to Potlatch Park with a stop at Alaska Totem Trading, a quaint gift store and vintage vehicle and gun museum. On your return to town, you will be entertained by a lively city tour while passing by some of the city's most colorful landmarks.

Note: Minimum age is 5 years. This excursion may operate in reverse.

CUSTOM HUMMER ADVENTURE

Approximately 4 hours

Sold per vehicle only

Enjoy private car service with a twist - customize your adventure with a Hummer and a knowledgeable driver/guide



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at your service. Explore Ketchikan and Revillagigedo Island in rugged luxury as you ride in a fully loaded Hummer H2 with heated leather seats and dual air temperature controls. Independent front suspension and rear air shock suspension make the ride of these H2's smooth and comfortable while cruising through town or climbing a mountainside. From the dock, head south of town for stops that can include Saxman Native Village, a rain forest and beach walk, or a stop at Herring Cove to look for wildlife in season and view Beaver Falls. Next, head toward the north end of the island where attractions can include a drive through the Ward Creek area of the Tongass National Forest, a stop at Totem Bight State Park or a bit of off-roading that will take you 1,100 feet up Slide Mountain to a private view point. Enjoy a small snack before heading back to your ship.

Note: Price is per vehicle. Only one guest per party should book this excursion. The Hummer can accommodate up to five adults. Custom stops can include, but are not limited to, shopping, dining or exploring just about anything on the island.

"DUCK" A HISTORIC CITY & HARBOR TOUR

Approximately 1½ hours

A state-of-the-art amphibian will get your Ketchikan visit off to a "splash", taking you through the rustic streets and into the scenic harbor for a fun filled tour. Departing from the cruise ship dock, this unique boat/bus will take you through the historic downtown of Ketchikan, driving past the Deer Mountain Hatchery and City Park. Stops will be made at the Salmon Ladder, Creek Street and the Totem Heritage Center for photo opportunities (guests do not disembark the vehicle during these stops). The tour continues through downtown towards Bar Harbor to the Duck's launching ramp for a unique experience. The water portion of the tour will take you into the Tongass Narrows, past local canneries, seaplanes, fishing boats and on past Pennock Island with an informative narration from the crew of the "Duck". While on the water, there is always a chance to spot wildlife. The amphibian is washed with fresh water as it re-emerges onto land. At this time, a short stop is made allowing you to disembark for a photo opportunity before returning to the cruise ship dock.

EXCLUSIVE FLIGHTSEEING & CRAB FEED

Approximately 2¾ hours

This exclusive shore excursion combines Alaska's favorite experiences, a flight on a De Havilland Beaver float plane and dining on Alaskan Dungeness Crab! Your flight begins as you take off from the downtown Ketchikan cruise ship docks. This bustling Alaskan community will quickly be revealed below along with panoramic views of the Tongass National Forest. Your flight will include the historic importance of the De Havilland Beaver float plane and the landmarks below! After

thirty minutes of spectacular scenery, you will land at the remote, yet elegant George Inlet Lodge. Snack on smoked salmon as you learn about the colorful George Inlet Lodge and its epic journey across 90 miles of ocean to its current location. Sip white wine or Alaskan Amber Beer as your host entertains you with stories and knowledge of Alaska, Ketchikan, and much more. Enjoy a feast of fresh romaine salad topped with homemade oriental-style dressing followed by steamed baby red potatoes and Dungeness Crab! A steaming hot second helping of crab will be by shortly. Last, but certainly not least, indulge in rich, smooth cheesecake smothered in Alaskan blueberries. A quick visit to the George Inlet Lodge gift shop is a must before you depart. You will embark on the second half of your journey enjoying a narrated coach ride along the coastline back to downtown Ketchikan. Along this coastal path, you will pass and learn about totem poles, a fish hatchery, and the coast guard station.

Note: This excursion may operate in reverse.

EXCLUSIVE GUIDED FISHING & WILDERNESS ADVENTURE

Approximately 6½ hours

Experience an authentic fishing excursion in the unspoiled wilderness of Alaska's coastline. You'll be outfitted with waterproof boots, bib overalls, hooded jacket, hat and gloves. Then, glide into a breathtaking landscape aboard a stable, open-air, 20-foot skiff. Cast a line, and what you catch will become the fresh centerpiece of a gourmet campsite meal! With only four guests per boat, your professional guide customizes the excursion to fit your interests and skill level, ideal for small groups and families. Along the way, you may view seals, eagles, whales, birds, porpoise, spawning salmon, and even bears. With quality fishing gear, hone your skills landing rockfish, red snapper, ling cod or halibut, or maybe even a world-class salmon. After fishing, the skiff heads to shore and a wilderness campsite, where a crackling fire awaits in the rain forest of ancient cedars and spruce. Here, you'll enjoy a gourmet meal of your own freshly caught fish, served



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atop a saffron infused, bouillabaisse-inspired stew (no shellfish). Savor fire-warmed sourdough rolls with a garlic-aioli spread, a signature rhubarb and blueberry compote, and steaming mugs of coffee or hot chocolate. You'll leave content in the knowledge that you have experienced the Alaskan way of life.

Note: Minimum age is 5 years. This excursion operates rain or shine. Rain gear, rubber boots, comfortable float jackets, wool socks, hats, gloves, fishing equipment and tackle are provided. Warm layered clothing is recommended. Guests must be physically active, as this excursion requires negotiating uneven terrain and the skiff is open to the elements. Consult the Fishing Policies at the beginning of your shore excursion booklet prior to booking.

EXCLUSIVE TOURING BY LUXURY SUV

Approximately 4 hours

Sold per vehicle only

An authentic Alaskan adventure awaits you on this exclusive private tour. This completely customizable excursion includes an expert local guide and the use of a comfortable and luxurious SUV limousine. Rugged enough for the Alaskan terrain, this vehicle is equipped with everything you need to enjoy your private tour: club seating, tinted windows, state of the art sound system; CD/DVD, IPOD, rain gear, beverages and personal narration through an interactive hands-free intercom system. During your stay, enjoy a special sampling of wild Alaska salmon in a secluded picnic-style setting. Your customized excursion can include the following three experiences: Native culture at Saxman Village, where you'll meet the carvers of giant totems and learn first-hand the legends behind these stories carved in wood; Natural abundance at historic Libby Cannery, where Alaska's maritime fishing industry comes alive as your private tour takes you behind the scenes of an industry that fed the world's appetite for wild salmon; and Revisit Alaska's bawdy past as you stroll the boardwalks of Creek Street, once the town's red light district, from the Married Man's Trail to Miss Dolly's House to discover the sights and sounds of this popular historic port.

Note: Price is per vehicle. Only one guest per party should book this excursion. The vehicle can accommodate up to nine guests.



FUN UNDER THE SEA SEMI-SUBMERSIBLE TOUR

Approximately 1½ hours

The captain and crew will welcome you aboard the *Nautilus V* as you embark on a fun and exciting adventure. Explore the Alaskan waters from below through panoramic windows as you glide above the ocean floor. A marine expert will navigate you through an undersea world that is unique in its beauty and rich in nutrients and sea life. Capture views of the ocean seascape with giant sunflower stars, shiner perch, sea urchins, sea cucumbers, crab, eel grass, bull kelp and more. An



underwater camera will entertain you with real time underwater activity which can be viewed from within the viewing pod. Come topside and view the surrounding islands, an active eagle's nest, rustic waterfront cabins and scenic Snows Cove. Learn the stories and legends of days gone by while cruising past an old lightship, that some say is "haunted". Binoculars are provided for wildlife viewing. Children as well as adults will delight in the onboard touch pool featuring a variety of sea life. As you cruise back to the dock, view Creek Street and Dolly's House and hear the stories of its colorful past.

Note: Guests must be able to safely navigate a short staircase down to the viewing cabin. Umbrellas and ponchos are provided, if needed.

GEORGE INLET LODGE WILDERNESS CRABBING ADVENTURE



Approximately 4 hours

Enjoy exploring the wilderness of Alaska with the chance to spot some local wildlife, catch Dungeness crabs and enjoy a civilized crab feast in the comfort of the George Inlet Lodge, an old cannery house built over the fjord on stilts. Your adventure begins with a scenic 30-minute transfer to the lodge, where you will be given foul weather gear and climb into a 36 foot catamaran for transport to the crab fishing grounds. An approximate 7-mile ride along the coast takes you past the George Inlet Cannery where your guides will teach you about fish traps and tell tales of the fish pirates that would rob the cannery of their fish. After passing an old gold mine, you will see the Mahoney Glacial Cirque. At the bottom of the Cirque, there is a river that is host to bears, eagles, salmon as well as killer whales, sea lions and seals who frequent the area in search of fish. From here, you will cross the fjord to a remote estuary where you will be able to view the Tongass Rain Forest in all of its beauty; the cove is also the location of the Dungeness Crab Fishery and host to all types of wildlife. Here you will have the opportunity to help pull up the crab pots! Your guides will teach you about the crab's life cycle and habitat. Once all the pots are reset, it is off to George Inlet Lodge for a Dungeness Crab dinner. You will be given a Dungeness Crab Fisherman Certificate before being transported back to your ship with great memories!



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GREAT ALASKAN LUMBERJACK SHOW

Approximately 1½ hours



In the early 1900s, Alaska's timber industry was booming. Rugged frontier lumberjacks toiled at work each day in one of North America's most grueling environments to harvest timber for our growing nation. From remote logging camps up and down the coast of southeast Alaska, you could hear the pounding of the axe, the singing of the crosscut saw, and the cry of "Timber!" Hardy lumberjacks would gather each summer in the sawmill town of Ketchikan to compete against rival logging camps. These fit, rugged men fought hard to take home the bragging rights of becoming the "Bull of the Woods." Today these legends live on at "The Great Alaskan Lumberjack Show." The time frame on this tour gives you the opportunity to either take another tour or enjoy your day in Ketchikan.

KETCHIKAN HIGHLIGHTS EXPRESS

Approximately 1¾ hours



Discover this unique introduction to Ketchikan's past and present with a city tour and visit to Potlatch Park. Your excursion begins with a scenic narrated drive along the coast to Potlatch Park. Here, you will have an opportunity to explore several centuries of Alaskan history. You'll start off among their collection of antique cars, where you can dream of tooling around in these beauties - 1932 Packard, 1924 Stanley Steamer and a 1937 Ford Pick-up, just to name a few. Then, get ready for an awe inspiring trip back to the 19th century. Explore a fully re-created native Alaskan village. Examine the beautifully carved totems, one of which is an impressive 42 feet tall. Be sure to peer into one of the homes

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to see the diorama of how native Alaskans actually lived in the 1800's and walk through a carving center to see creative works in the making. Conclude your visit to Potlatch Park with a stop at Alaska Totem Trading, a quaint gift store and vintage vehicle and gun museum. On your return to town, you will be entertained by a lively city tour while passing by some of the city's most colorful landmarks.

KNUDSON COVE SPORTFISHING

Approximately 5 - 5½ hours

Boat time approximately 4 hours

Enjoy a 30-minute ride along the majestic Tongass Narrows to Knudson Cove fishing boat harbor, where you will have a chance at landing some of those amazing salmon (consult your Shore Excursion Manager depending on time of year). All boats are fully equipped with cabins, tackle, bait, radios, and U.S. Coast Guard safety certification. Please wear rubber-soled footwear while on board. Enjoy the scenery, fresh air, and a chance to land a salmon or other sport fish species.

Note: Consult the Fishing Policies at the beginning of your Shore Excursions booklet prior to booking.

Misty Fjords National Monument, remote and wild, supports many nearly untouched coastal ecosystems and covers about 3,570 square miles (9,246 square kilometers). Several major rivers and hundreds of streams are fed by misty rain and snow each year, as well as by meltwater from glaciers that begin near the Canadian border. Mineral springs and volcanic lava flows add to the unique geological features. Created on December 1, 1978 by presidential proclamation, the Monument encompasses 2,294,343 acres within the Tongass National Forest. In 1980, Congress passed the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) and designated all but 151,832 acres as wilderness. Monument status protects ecological, cultural, geological, historical, prehistorical, scientific, and wilderness values. Congress designated the non-wilderness portion to accommodate the development of the Quartz Hill molybdenum deposit. Strict controls on mine development will minimize the operation's impact on the surrounding wilderness. The Misty Fjords National Monument is best viewed while taking one of the following four shore excursions, either by plane or fast boat:

MAGNIFICENT MISTY FJORDS FLIGHTSEEING

Approximately 2 hours

Flight time approximately 75 minutes (including lake landing)
This unforgettable experience explores one of the country's greatest treasures and some of Alaska's most magnificent scenery by floatplane. At 2.3 million acres, Misty Fjords



National Monument is almost four times the size of Rhode Island. Your flight will take you over majestic fjords, cascading waterfalls, jewel-like lakes, and abundant wildlife. The fjords were created by massive glacier action in this ice-rimmed wilderness. Accessible only by boat or aircraft, this untouched wilderness was first noted in the journals of Captain George Vancouver, when he explored Alaska in 1793. See New Eddystone Rock from the air, in Behm Canal at the entrance to spectacular Rudyard Bay. This volcanic plug is a striking remnant of early geological activity that was named by Vancouver. The dramatic Misty Fjords terrain is home to a multitude of wildlife. As an astute observer, you may be rewarded with sightings of brown and black bear, Sitka black-tailed deer, wolves, and bald eagles as your expert bush pilot guide flies you over this paradise. A spectacular 1,000-foot waterfall flows from Big Goat Lake, named for the region's concentration of mountain goats, which can often be spotted from the air. A landing on a pristine alpine lake or remote bay will provide the opportunity to absorb the serenity and astonishing beauty that surrounds you. Each participant will receive an authentic Alaska Bush Plane Certificate that includes a floatplane photograph and is signed by the pilot.

Note: Window seats guaranteed, fully narrated.

MISTY FJORDS BOAT & FLOATPLANE ADVENTURE

Approximately 4 hours

The ultimate experience! See one of the most majestic creations on earth by boat and plane, gaining a unique, two in one perspective of this national monument. During your voyage, keep a sharp eye out for local wildlife which can include bears and whales. As you cruise to the far reaches of Rudyard Bay, in the heart of the Misty Fjords, you will experience the towering granite cliffs up close before the vessel will slip into a floating dock and you transfer to an authentic Alaska floatplane. From the air you will truly appreciate the magnitude and majesty of Rudyard Bay, the crown jewel of this two-million-acre monument. Soar over



pristine wilderness and enjoy dramatic waterfalls and unspoiled forests, lakes and muskeg bogs. Upon your return you will see a wide, panoramic view of the city of Ketchikan before making an exhilarating water landing.

Note: Please note that this excursion may operate in reverse.

MISTY FJORDS SEAPLANE ADVENTURE

Approximately 2 hours

Flight time approximately 75 minutes (including lake landing)

Misty Fjords National Monument offers dramatic sights on a grand scale - with sheer granite cliffs, plunging 1,000-foot waterfalls, and glacial lakes. Misty Fjords National Monument encompasses an area of over 2 million acres and is the nation's second-largest wilderness area. On this exclusive tour, you will be taken from the waters of Tongass Narrows over Revillagigedo Island to Misty Fjords. Midway through the flight, you will land in Misty Fjords on a lake or fjord, giving you the opportunity to step out on the floats of the plane and savor the incredible scenery and silence of this remote wilderness. A descriptive route guide helps you identify landmarks and scenic highlights and serves as a lovely memento of your trip.

MISTY FJORDS & WILDERNESS EXPLORER

Approximately 4 - 4 1/2 hours

Explore Misty Fjords while cruising in luxury aboard one of the fastest sightseeing vessels in Alaska. Board the *M/V St. Aquilina* from the cruise ship dock and relax as your friendly crew introduces you to a wilderness experience you will never forget. Keep a sharp eye out for whales, porpoise and sea lions as the waterjet-powered catamaran "flies" at sea level past rugged coastlines. As you voyage into Behm Canal surrounded by the pristine beauty of Misty Fjords, stop to view an active bald eagle's nest and a Tlingit pictograph. Admire New Eddystone Rock, an immense volcanic spire rising from the emerald sea. You'll delight in the unhurried exploration of Rudyerd Bay, an ice-carved masterpiece deep



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within the monument. Learn the natural history of the fjords while gliding quietly beneath 3,000-foot vertical cliffs. Feel the mist of glistening waterfalls and listen to the call of seabirds nesting on a rock face sculpted by glacial forces. Cruise south from Rudyerd Bay to view a gathering of harbor seals. Enjoy a selection of complementary snacks and beverages while watching for other species of wildlife that thrive here. En route to Ketchikan, you will have the opportunity to experience native culture and history presented by a Tlingit storyteller; watch a native artist at work, or enjoy a tour-related video presentation.

Note: Be sure to bring a warm, waterproof jacket to wear on the topside observation decks and remember to bring your camera!

MOTOCYCLE TOUR

Approximately 3 1/2 hours

Experience the freedom of riding a Harley-Davidson® motorcycle surrounded by the beautiful scenery of Alaska. Your tour guide, an experienced motorcycle rider with local knowledge of lore and legend, will lead you on this unforgettable journey. Riding a late-model Harley®, your ride will cover approximately 50 miles of paved roads. You'll have the opportunity to see much of Ketchikan along the Tongass Highway, including boat harbors, barge lines, a shipyard, airport, sawmill, cannery sites and beautiful Knudson Cove Marina. Along the way, you will stop at a local business for a chance to stretch your legs and enjoy a cup of fresh coffee.

Note: Minimum age to drive is 25 years. Maximum combined weight (driver and passenger) is 425 lbs. A ride-along fee is charged for all guests riding as a passenger. Driver must be able to sit on the motorcycle and have both feet flat on the ground. Guests wishing to drive must present a valid motorcycle license to Tour Operator. Helmets with visors, riding gloves and rain gear are provided.



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MOUNTAIN POINT SNORKELING ADVENTURE

Approximately 3 hours

Immerse yourself in southeast Alaska's breathtaking underwater world as you snorkel the calm and clear ocean waters of Mountain Point. You'll be toasty warm in a state of the art 7-millimeter wetsuit complete with hood, boots, and gloves as you hover among Alaska's diverse and colorful marine life. Local water temperatures actually exceed those of the Northern California coast. After a short ride, you will be outfitted with all the necessary equipment and given a brief orientation. Your group enters the water from a protected beach. You will observe and handle a variety of multicolored starfish, sea urchins, sea cucumbers and the giant sunflower star during your one-hour guided marine life tour. Discover the myriad of fish that inhabit these waters while snorkeling over the kelp forest. Back at the beach, enjoy a hot beverage before returning to your ship.

Note: Guests with a history of seizures, dizziness, fainting, heart conditions, or respiratory problems will be restricted from tour participation. All equipment is provided. In order to safely fit the wetsuits provided on this tour, each guest must weigh a minimum of 90 pounds and a maximum of 250 pounds. Remember to bring your towel!

NEETS BAY BEAR WATCH EXPEDITION

Approximately 3 hours

Flight time approximately 45 minutes

(approximately one hour at Neets Bay)

Tour operates mid July - September only

A once-in-a-lifetime wildlife expedition with the endearing black bears of southeast Alaska is certain to charm everyone



from nature lover to photo enthusiast. It is only available to a limited number of visitors to minimize impact on the wildlife population and to protect this fragile environment. Depart via floatplane to Neets Bay, home to one of southeast Alaska's premier salmon hatchery operations and one of the finest bear-viewing locations in Alaska. A short walk down a quarter-mile, maintained wilderness road takes you to the viewing area where black bears congregate and can be seen fishing for their next meal. A naturalist guide will describe the habits of the bear and the life cycle of their favorite meal, the salmon, explaining the important work done at the hatchery to protect Alaska's wild salmon population. The secure and covered viewing area allows for up close observation of the bears in their natural habitat among the wilderness beauty of the Tongass National Forest. Other wildlife possibilities include eagles, Sitka black-tailed deer, minks, martens, and seals. Specially designed digital CD audio systems and individual headsets are provided to enjoy your personal pilot narration and complementing music. Souvenir guidebook provided.

Note: Wildlife sightings are frequent; however, they cannot be guaranteed. Wear comfortable hiking footwear and dress warmly. Rain gear is recommended. There is a quarter-mile walk over uneven and sometimes difficult terrain. This excursion is not recommended for guests with physical limitations. Access to this prime bear viewing area is restricted by the U.S. Forest Service to minimize the impact and to protect the resources.

ORCA BEACH NATURE TRAIL

Approximately 4 hours

Join an experienced Alaskan trail guide for a hike through natural, unspoiled beauty in the coastal forest. This trail takes you through a beautiful old-growth forest, by way of a secluded beach. After hiking this gently sloped historic trail, enjoy a light snack and take some time to explore the natural beauty that surrounds you. A motorized inflatable provides a short exciting cruise along the coast via Clover Passage. Whales, Stellar sea lions, harbor seals, porpoises, and migrating seabirds may be spotted on this route. Bring your camera and binoculars! This trail is mostly boardwalk.

Note: Dress comfortably with sturdy, comfortable walking shoes and warm, waterproof clothing. Restroom facilities are limited. Moderate to good physical condition is necessary for participation in this excursion. This trail has a gradual slope. Guests age twelve and under must be accompanied by an adult. Minimum weight is 40 lbs. This excursion operates under a "Special Use Permit" issued by the U.S. Forest Service.

RAIN FOREST CANOE ADVENTURE

Approximately 3½ hours

The adventure begins with a scenic motor coach ride to a secluded mountain lake. Here, you will board native-style 37-foot, 20-passenger canoes and paddle under the direction of



an experienced guide, scanning the shore for wildlife while learning the unique Indian history of the Ketchikan area. The lake, part of a lush rainforest, is ideal for canoeing and is located in the Tongass National Forest, one of the largest national forests in the United States. You will stop ashore for a native-style snack including smoked fish, clam chowder, sourdough rolls, and beverages. Your knowledgeable guide will lead you on a short nature walk highlighting the flora and fauna of the rainforest, including such features as carnivorous plants. Finally, you will canoe back to the motor coach that returns you to your ship. This adventure is a rare opportunity to comfortably explore southeast Alaska in the manner of its original explorers and early culture.

Note: All participants are provided with rain gear and life jackets. Guests age twelve and under must be accompanied by an adult. Minimum weight is 40 pounds. This tour operates in all weather conditions.

RAINFOREST WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, EAGLES & TOTEMS

NEW TOUR

Approximately 2¾ hours

This eco-exploration includes a guided nature hike, bald eagles, Alaskan reindeer, a native totem carver and a historic sawmill at an exclusive reserve by the forested mountains of rustic Herring Cove. This pristine natural environment is home to eagles, black bear, seals, a variety of birds and other species attracted by the major salmon runs in the abundant marine estuary. In addition to wildlife viewing opportunities, this tour enables you to see and photograph live eagles up close, interact with reindeer, and to observe a master native totem pole carver at work. Your naturalist will guide you along an improved trail through the dense forest, among tall stands of hemlock, spruce and Alaska cedar. Stops will be made at strategically located viewing areas. Your guide will lead you to a protected open estuary, where you follow Eagle Creek along an elevated wooden boardwalk overlooking grassy wetlands. Major runs of salmon return to spawn here. Watch and listen to the symphony of bird activity in this spectacular setting. During the spawning season bears and seals feed on salmon in Eagle Creek and the likelihood of viewing these fascinating animals is good. Bald eagles and other birds wait for scraps in the estuary. At the conclusion of the half-mile trail hike, you will have an opportunity to feed Alaskan reindeer, and see bald eagles in a private up-close setting as an Alaska Wildlife Foundation raptor specialist explains the heritage and habitat of America's national symbol. Following these great photographic opportunities, you will be guided through the historic Herring Bay Lumber Company Sawmill, established by legendary pioneer Ben Fleenor. Observe a master native totem pole carver at work and receive a sample of aromatic local Alaskan cedar. Complimentary snacks and beverages are provided and shopping opportunities await in the General Store.



Note: Wear comfortable walking shoes and warm layered clothing. This excursion operates in all weather conditions. Rain ponchos are provided. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed.

SAXMAN NATIVE VILLAGE TOUR

Approximately 2½ hours

The Saxman Native Village Tour enables visitors to experience how modern-day southeast Alaskan natives live. This village is home to over 400 Tlingit, Tsimshian, and Haida peoples. Upon arrival, your native host will greet you and introduce you to the people of Saxman via a short film. Your driver/guide will then lead you into a cedar tribal clan house where a dance group adorned in native regalia will perform authentic tribal dances. You are encouraged to participate! After a short walk to the Totem Park, which boasts the largest collection of authentic totem poles in the world, your guide will recount the engaging history behind some of these famous totem poles. You will then visit the carving shed to view native artists in action, where a guide will be present to talk about techniques and answer questions. Enjoy exploring the gift shop prior to returning to your ship.



SAXMAN NATIVE VILLAGE & LUMBERJACK SHOW COMBO

Approximately 3 ½ - 4 ½ hours

Become absorbed in the rich living culture of Southeast Alaska's Native Americans and witness a rip-roaring lumberjack competition on this comprehensive tour of Ketchikan. Saxman Native Village is your first stop where, for generations, Tlingit villages have maintained a tradition of welcoming visitors in regal style. At Saxman, guests are still afforded this same, time-honored welcome. Tribal elders have passed on many of the traditions that have long defined the culture of Southeast Alaska. A short video program introduces you to the culture and history of the Tlingit, followed by a visit to the Beaver Clan House where you are welcomed by song and dance. Guests are encouraged to participate in the final dance before moving on to the Saxman Totem Park, one the largest gatherings of totem poles in the world. Your guide will help unravel the mysteries of these towering, majestic poles that stand as sentries over the present generation. Visit the carving center where world famous carvers work and pass on their skills to eager apprentices before making a final stop in the gift shop to search for an authentic memento of your visit to Saxman. Returning to Ketchikan, view sights of Creek Street and let the fun begin with a stop at the Great Alaska Lumberjack Show. Hardy lumberjacks bring to life Alaska's colorful logging history with an action packed competition. Cheer on your team of World Champion lumberjacks in events such as chopping, axe throwing and tree climbing, all in the comfort of a heated outdoor arena.



Note: There may be a short wait prior to the Lumberjack Show, following your visit to Saxman. This time can be spent either in the rustic company store located at the Lumberjack Show or in the close vicinity of downtown Ketchikan.

TATOOSH ISLAND SEA KAYAKING

Approximately 4 hours



After a 30-minute ride to the marina, you will gear up for an exhilarating ride to the Tatoosh Islands in a motorized inflatable boat. Upon arrival, your local guides will present an informative orientation before launching from the beach in your double sea kayak. With one guide for every 6 guests, you will quickly gain confidence in your sea kayak. Paddling in and around this serene and unique island environment, you will learn about the natural history of this area of the Tongass National Forest. Watch for bald eagles, seals, sea lions, and other marine life native to the Tatoosh Islands.

Note: An adult must accompany children; a minimum weight of 40 pounds is required to fit in the life jackets required for participation.

TOTEM BIGHT AND CITY TOUR

Approximately 2½ hours



Totem Bight State Historical Park, located 10 miles outside of downtown Ketchikan, is the site of a former native summer fish camp set along the Tongass Narrows in the Tongass National Forest. The park offers a unique opportunity to learn about the history, lifestyle, and lore of the northwest coast natives. On this site, replicas of original totem poles have been carved and painted reflecting the rich culture and traditions of the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian Indians. Your driver/guide will interpret the significance of the myths and legends depicted on the many poles standing among the hemlock and cedar trees. Come to understand the importance of the ocean and its impact on these coastal natives. While traveling to and from Totem Bight, you'll be introduced to some of the industries that have made Ketchikan what it is today.



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4 X 4 WILDERNESS ADVENTURE

Approximately 4½ hours



Discover the Alaskan wilderness on this exciting adventure to Kruszof Island. Your adventure begins with a brief transfer to the dock where you will board a boat for a thrilling 30-minute ride through the scenic islands and channels of Sitka Sound. Along the way, the captain helps spot marine life such as whales, seals, sea otters, and sea birds. Arriving at Kruszof Island, you will gear-up and climb aboard your two-person Yamaha Rhino 4x4 off-road vehicle. After a brief safety orientation and vehicle operation instructions, the guides will lead your group on an exhilarating ride through Southeast Alaska's lush temperate rain forest. The first stop will be at Iris Meadows estuary. The meadow is full of Alaska's beautiful vegetation and wild flowers, and a great place to look for Alaskan Brown Bears and Sitka Black Tail Deer, both common to the area. Drivers will have the chance to switch positions and the tour will continue on to North Beach. This part of the drive will pass through an old growth forest and out on to a beautiful black sand beach. Here, the group will relax while looking for whale spouts and sea otters in the distance. Take those scenic photos and enjoy a beverage and homemade snack. As you head back to the boat pick-up zone, the last stop will give you the opportunity to walk to a bridge by the meadows and view a rushing river where salmon can be seen during spawning season.

Note: Minimum age is 12 years; minimum age to drive is 16 years. Guests wishing to drive must present a valid driver's license to the Tour Operator. Pregnant women and guests with back/neck injuries or heart conditions are not permitted on this excursion. This excursion operates in the Tongass National Forest under a Special Use Permit issued by the U.S. Forest Service.



ALASKA, UP-CLOSE & PERSONAL

Approximately 3½ hours

Sold per vessel only

A beautiful vessel and knowledgeable captain are at your command for a wide choice of activities featuring a stunning variety of wildlife and soul-stirring coastal scenery. You choose the activity and the pace of your unique marine adventure as you indulge your senses and imagination on Sitka Sound's pristine, island-studded waters. Wildlife is plentiful here, and your captain has a profound knowledge of the preferred habitats and movement of whales, sea otters, sea lions, porpoise, seals, brown bears and bald eagles. He also knows the best places to explore and photograph awe-inspiring volcanic formations, glacier-carved peaks, secluded passages and other natural wonders. Weather permitting, you may wish to circumnavigate the rugged coast of St. Lazaria National Wildlife Refuge, breeding grounds for thousands of seabirds, including puffins, auklets and murre. An expert naturalist will accompany you if you opt to go ashore on remote islands to beach comb, explore tide pools, or just savor the peacefulness of an untouched place. Your vessel is a new, 30-foot, expedition-style catamaran, designed specially for cruising off the beaten path. The spacious, heated cabin is equipped with deluxe seating, a restroom and galley. Viewing opportunities are facilitated by large wrap-around windows, an expansive open-air deck, along with a special bow-landing door to allow easy beach access.

Note: Price is per vessel. Only one guest per party should book this excursion. The vessel can accommodate up to 6 guests. Dress warmly in layers and wear sturdy footgear if planning to go ashore. Be sure to bring your camera! Rain poncho, binoculars, beverages, fresh scones and other snacks are included.

CAPTAIN'S CHOICE WILDLIFE QUEST & BEACH WALK

Approximately 3½ hours

Embark on Alaska's most intimate wildlife viewing adventure aboard a deluxe, 16-person catamaran, and step ashore on a remote island to explore the rugged coast. This is truly a one of a kind experience. Your knowledgeable Captain will



use his understanding of tides, weather and seasonal evolutions to design an expedition uniquely suited to the day. The high speed and maneuverability of your water jet-powered craft will allow you to explore areas unreachable by conventional boats, and witness the very best of Sitka Sound's marine and coastal wildlife. Whales, sea otters, puffins and brown bears are just a few of the species that thrive in this pristine environment. As animals are sighted, the Captain will skillfully maneuver the vessel to provide optimal viewing and your expert Naturalist will explain their fascinating life cycles and behaviors. Enjoy the encounter from the comfort of the spacious, window-lined cabin, or experience it with all your senses from out on deck. Next, you will go ashore on a remote, uninhabited island. Delight in a quiet exploration of colorful tide pools, trace the meandering tracks of wildlife, or settle on a giant beach log to reflect on the stunning beauty around you. While beachcombing, keep an eye out for Japanese fishing floats and other exotic flotsam. Enjoy a delicious snack and the companionship of your fellow explorers on the relaxing cruise back to Sitka.

Note: Wear sturdy footgear and warm clothing. Participants should be in good health and able to walk on uneven terrain. Total walking distance is up to ½ mile. Guests cannot remain on the vessel when the group is participating on the beach walk. Rain poncho, binoculars, snacks and beverages are provided.

FULL-DAY SALMON/ HALIBUT FISHING

Approximately 8 hours



In addition to some of the best King and Silver Salmon fishing in the world, Sitka offers an abundant supply of bottom fish such as Halibut, Ling Cod and Red Snapper. Your full day trip includes all fishing equipment, tackle, bait and raingear. The U.S. Coast Guard inspected fishing boats are between 25 and 30 ft. in length and are all modern cabin cruiser-style sportfishers featuring heated cabins and marine heads. "Mooching" or "trolling" are the common methods for Salmon fishing; anchoring up and "jigging" is the common method of halibut fishing. You are welcome to catch and release; processing and shipping are available to the U.S. and Hawaii only, due to U.S. Customs regulations.

Note: Four to six guests per boat. Please consult the Fishing Policies at the beginning of your shore excursion booklet prior to booking. Motion Sickness Advisory: We fish the open ocean which can be subject to ocean swell and wind chop. Rough does not mean un-fishable. If you are prone to motion sickness, please take precautions in advance. Limited participation.



RUSSIAN AMERICA, RAPTOR CENTER & RUSSIAN DANCERS

Approximately 3½ hours



This unique excursion visits the historical highlights of the former capital city of Russian America, and includes a visit to the Raptor Rehabilitation Center. At the center, you will learn how its volunteers help wild birds from capture to rehabilitative care and hopeful release. Upon leaving the center, your guide will provide a narrative recap of life in Sitka when it served as the capital of Russian America, as well as life in Sitka today. The tour will include a short drive along the highway bordering Sitka Sound to view historical sites such as the Russian Cemetery and the blockhouse. You will stop at the Sitka National Historical Park where the Battle of Alaska was fought in 1804. The park hosts cultural exhibits, as well as native Alaskan craftsmen working in their totem pole art form. Ample time is allowed to visit the cultural center or photograph totems. Returning to town you will stop for a live performance of authentic Russian folk dances by the New Archangel Dancers. Beautiful costumes are worn depicting original provinces of the early Russian settlers. Your final stop will be to visit priceless icons at St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral. St. Michael's is the "Mother Cathedral" of Orthodoxy for all of America. Upon conclusion of the tour, you will be returned to the tender pier or you may choose to shop your way back to the dock.

SEA OTTER & WILDLIFE QUEST

Approximately 3 hours



You will have the opportunity to observe sea otters, whales, sea lions, porpoises, harbor seals, brown bears, black-tailed deer, bald eagles, and a variety of marine birds. An onboard naturalist will explain the workings of this remarkable ecosystem. While cruising, you will also learn about the sea



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otter population recovery, following their near-extinction at the hands of Russian fur hunters in the early 1800s. The custom built, jet-driven ships are designed to navigate southeast Alaska's narrow island passages, allowing for spectacular wildlife viewing at close range. Each vessel features a warm and comfortable cabin with enclosed seating, large windows, a snack bar, and restrooms. This tour guarantees you will see an otter, a whale, or a bear. If not, you will receive a \$50 cash refund (\$25 refund per child) at the end of the voyage. Upon return to Sitka, you will be dropped off downtown, minutes from the main shopping district and St. Michael's Cathedral. A ticket to the Cathedral is included in the tour price.

Note: Please dress warmly and bring a rainproof jacket to wear on the observation deck. Limited participation.

SEMI-SUBMERSIBLE SEA LIFE DISCOVERY

Approximately 2 hours



The waters of the north Pacific, including Sitka Sound, are some of the most productive in the world. The first ten feet below the surface are the most prolific sector of the ocean. Long hours of summer daylight and nutrient-rich currents support a breathtaking wealth of sea life. Giant kelp forests and lush eelgrass beds are home to numerous plant and animal species. The sea floor teams with life including fish, crabs, urchins, jellyfish, anemones, starfish, and plants.

The *M/V Sea Life Discovery* provides the only tour opportunity available in the western U.S. for non-divers to experience the cold-water marine environment. Every *M/V Sea Life Discovery* tour includes a naturalist and a scuba diver. The trained, local naturalist presents background information on the marine environment of Sitka Sound, providing commentary on sea life and answering questions. An experienced Alaskan scuba diver enhances passengers' viewing experience by pointing out interesting, but sometimes difficult to spot, creatures right in their natural habitat. He or she also gently handles some of the more hardy sea inhabitants - sea urchins, starfish, sturdy crabs - bringing them right outside *M/V Sea Life Discovery's* underwater windows. All passengers are treated to beverages and a light snack of southeastern Alaska specialty foods.

SILVER BAY CRUISE AND SALMON HATCHERY TOUR

Approximately 2 hours



The scenic splendor of Silver Bay provides the backdrop for stories about native culture, early explorers, and Alaskan fortune seekers. Learn about the rain forest's natural history as the boat glides so near to shore that you can almost touch the branches. Step ashore at the remote Medveje Salmon Hatchery in Bear Cove to learn how southeast Alaskan

fishermen are successfully working with fisheries' biologists to raise chinook, coho, and chum salmon to supplement wild salmon stocks. See how eggs are collected, fertilized, and incubated, and learn how salmon fry are raised in sheltered raceways and tagged to aid research. On the cruise back to Sitka, you will get a close-up view of the Liberty Prospect Gold Mine and see the beach where, in 1804, Tlingit warriors fought a valiant but futile battle against a Russian warship for control of their ancestral home. Approaching the harbor, your guide will point out the spires of St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral and other Sitka landmarks. Before returning to your ship, take a walk through downtown, and visit the cathedral. Admission is included in the tour.

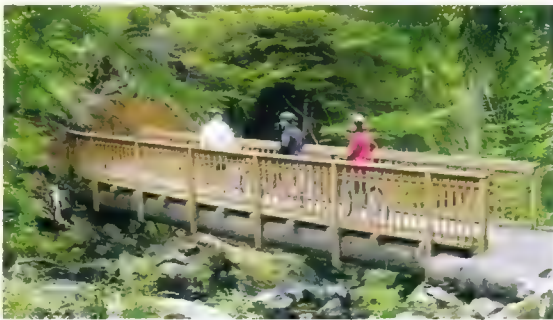
Note: Dress warmly and bring a rainproof jacket to wear at the Salmon Hatchery. Guests on afternoon departures may want to visit the cathedral prior to the tour; just show your Silver Bay Cruise & Salmon Hatchery tour ticket at the cathedral for admission. Limited participation.

SITKA BIKE AND HIKE

Approximately 3 hours

This excursion will show you a magnificent section of Sitka that is rarely seen by visitors. The tour focuses on local history, lore, flora, and fauna with many photo opportunities. Participants will be treated to an excellent view of an estuary in Starrigavin Meadow with a clear salmon stream running through it in season. Part of the tour will consist of a hike to Mosquito Cove on a 1-½ mile maintained loop trail through the largest temperate rainforest in the world, the Tongass. Guides are enthusiastic local residents who are familiar with history, nature, and current events in Sitka. Riders can anticipate a gently rolling 5-mile ride and a 1½ mile hike. A snack and complimentary water bottle are provided. All riders are required to wear a provided helmet. The tour is designed for those who love the outdoors. We go rain or shine (rain gear provided).

Note: Wear comfortable clothes and be sure to bring an extra roll of film. Sitka Bike and Hike has a storage area for items not needed for the tour. Minimum age is 10 years and minimum height is 4' 10".



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SITKA HISTORY AND NATURE WALK

Approximately 3 hours

Immerse yourself in Sitka's fascinating history and beauty as you and your guide explore by foot. Begin your walk at the base of Castle Hill, site of the 1867 "Land Transfer Ceremony", then proceed through Totem Square, walking through the pioneer home grounds and the Russian blockhouse, where gravesites of early Russian missionaries and royalty can be found. Following the harbor's shoreline, you will hear the history and see the sites of St. Michael's Russian Orthodox Cathedral and the Bishops House. View Sheldon Jackson College, home of James Michener during the writing of his book "Alaska", and head to the Sitka National Historical Park with its walking trails through the Tongass National Forest. Next, ascend up the trail to the Alaska Raptor Center; where you will be given time to explore and photograph the center. Great views of bald eagles, owls, hawks and other birds of prey are found throughout the grounds. Your tour concludes with a transfer returning you to the historic downtown area where you will be given a complimentary ticket to St. Michael's Cathedral.

Note: The walking tour covers a 2.5 mile distance over flat trails and uneven ground. Suitable outdoor clothing, raingear and closed-toe shoes should be worn. Juice and energy bar provided prior to tour departure. Tour may operate in reverse.

SITKA SPORTFISHING

Approximately 4 hours

Join Coast Guard-licensed Captains for a great day of sport fishing! Climb aboard one of our comfortable vessels, which are fully equipped with everything you need to go after "the big one". Your experienced captain will assist as you fish for salmon. Your catch will be cleaned on board; processing and shipping are available as well.

Note: Consult the Fishing Policies at the beginning of your shore excursion booklet prior to booking.

SITKA'S ADVANCED BIKING EXPERIENCE

Approximately 4 hours

Rain or shine, this tour is designed for the physically fit and experienced mountain bike rider who desires a challenging ride. The tour begins from downtown Sitka and parallels the magnificent Pacific Ocean on the ride to your destination. On the way, a stop is made at Whale Park for a breathtaking view of Silver Bay and the surrounding area. At the old Alaska Pulp Mill site, one of two options will be taken. Option one climbs up Blue Lake Road, 500 feet of elevation, to the Beaver Lake Campground. There you will climb a half-mile up to Beaver Lake for lunch. The ride and hike are both strenuous, but the rider is rewarded with awe-inspiring views and a pristine





mountain lake view. Option two continues past the mill site for another 4 miles of rolling terrain (also gaining 600 feet) to the Metavichi Fish Hatchery. At the hatchery, lunch and a short tour of the facility are provided. The rides are 20-plus miles in length and take 4 hours from dock to dock. A complimentary water bottle and box lunch are provided. Mountain bikes with front shocks, helmet, rain gear, and gloves are also provided.

Note: This ride is for guests 15 years and older. If under 18 years, the rider must be accompanied by a parent.

SITKA'S CULTURAL & COLONIAL RUSSIAN TOUR **NEW TOUR**

Approximately 2½ hours



Distinctive periods of Alaskan history have been very well preserved and are visible within this island community of Sitka. Before the European colonists arrived in Alaska, four major native groups lived off this great land. Artifacts from that period of early day native life, over a century ago, have been collected, preserved, and exhibited at the Sheldon Jackson Museum. You'll have the opportunity to view this amazing collection of Eskimo, Aleut, Athabaskan, and Tlingit items which demonstrate the ingenuity and skill of the native

settlers living in a very unforgiving land. The collection at Sheldon Jackson is the oldest exhibit of Indian and Eskimo artifacts in Alaska, first viewed by the public in 1888. After viewing this incredible collection, you will have additional time to browse the Friend's of Sheldon Jackson Store. Departing the museum, you will learn of the Colonial Russian period that changed forever the lives of the native groups. Your route of travel will take you past sites of the Russian Bishop's house, Castle Hill, the Russian Blockhouse and the early Native Village. Crossing over O'Connell Bridge to Japonski Island, you will see former buildings and barracks from World War II when Sitka was home to a PBY Aircraft Base. Next, you will visit St. Michael's Cathedral where icons and priceless religious artwork can be viewed; some portraits date back to the late 15th century. Referred to as "the Mother Cathedral of Orthodoxy for All of America", you will learn the miraculous story of how the artwork was saved from the Main Street fire of 1966 which destroyed one third of downtown Sitka. Your final stop on this tour will be at Centennial Hall to view a live performance of the New Archangel Dancers. Performing dance numbers originating from the original provinces of Russia, you will enjoy a rousing show with authentic music and costumes of that era.

Note: Guests must be able to negotiate 3 steps to enter/exit the bus.

WILDERNESS SEA KAYAKING ADVENTURE

Approximately 3 hours



Get ready for an adventure you won't soon forget. After suiting up with rain gear and life jackets, you will transfer to a floating kayak base camp by motorized inflatable. The short and invigorating journey allows for excellent views of Sitka and the surrounding mountains. Following a short orientation, you will board oceangoing, two-person kayaks. These stable, yet maneuverable, boats let you enjoy the beauty of the protected bays and inlets near Sitka from a serene, natural perspective. An experienced guide, well versed in paddling techniques and the marine environment of the area, will lead groups of 4 to 6 kayakers. Each of the waterways traveled holds unique attractions in store, be it colorful intertidal invertebrates, an eagle swooping from the treetops, or the grandeur of the lush rainforest. You may even see a brown bear, harbor seal, or Sitka black-tailed deer. Paddle for a fun 1 1/2 hours before returning to the base camp for a hot beverage, snack, and transfer back to town.

Note: This tour will operate in all weather conditions; warm clothing is recommended. Rain gear and life jackets are provided. Children must weigh at least 40 pounds in order to fit in the life jackets required for participation. Guests must sign a liability release form to participate in the tour. Very limited participation.



SKAGWAY

"ALL ABOARD" FOR A STEAM ENGINE ADVENTURE

Approximately 4 hours



Imagine coming to Alaska, 100 years ago, on an exclusive cruise ship to take one of the most adventuresome excursions of its time... Skagway's White Pass & Yukon Route - the "Scenic Railway of the World." Now, imagine arriving today and going first class all the way - white glove service, a personalized tour, champagne toast at the Summit and all the while being pulled by one of White Pass' authentic steam engines. At the Summit, you will receive a brass ornament of certification, certifying your entry into one of the most elite clubs in Alaska, the "White Pass Summit Club". Each membership is uniquely numbered and registered. During this four hour excursion, your personal attendant will give you a full commentary of the history of the Klondike Gold Rush and describe how this railroad became an International Historic Civil Engineering Landmark. Experience the breathtaking panorama of mountains, glaciers, gorges, waterfalls, tunnels, trestles and historic sites from the comfort of vintage parlor cars. This is the world famous White Pass Scenic Railway with a touch of class.

Note: This excursion enters Canada. A passport or birth certificate AND Government issued I.D. are required for all U.S. and Canadian citizens. All non-US./Canadian citizens must carry a valid passport.

BENNETT LAKE, YUKON WILDERNESS EXPRESS TRAIN

Approximately 8 hours



Experience the breathtaking panorama of mountains, glaciers, gorges, waterfalls, tunnels, trestles and historic sites from the comfort of vintage parlor cars. Built in 1898 during the Klondike Gold Rush, this narrow gauge railroad is an International Historic Civil Engineering Landmark. Bennett, British Columbia, Canada is a historical location nestled next to Lake Bennett and is only accessible by train. It was built during the Klondike Gold Rush of 1897-99 at the end of the White Pass and Chilkoot Trails from nearby ports of Skagway and Dyea. Gold prospectors would pack their supplies over the Coast Mountains from the ports and then build or purchase rafts to take them down the Yukon River to the gold fields around Dawson City, Yukon. Step back in time on a self guided walking tour of the area and relive the Gold Rush days. Complete the experience with a prospector's meal - Gold Miner's Stew, Sourdough Bread, and Apple Pie Chilkoot with Canadian Cheddar Cheese. After your prospector's meal, continue on the White Pass Train while paralleling wonderful Lake Bennett. Along this route you will pass the historic Pennington Station. Once in Carcross, Yukon Territory you will then stretch your legs and take in the great beauties of the historic town of Carcross where the population at the height of the gold rush was 20,000. Meet your tour guide and motor coach down the South Klondike highway where you will pass Tagish Lake and Lake Tutshi. Enjoy the magnificent views of Tormented Valley. Continue down the South Klondike highway where you will rejoin with the Tongass National Forest and your cruise ship back in Skagway, Alaska.

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BEST OF SKAGWAY- RAIL, SUMMIT, TRAIL CAMP, SALMON BAKE & BROTHEL TOUR

Approximately 6½ hours



If you want to really experience Skagway, this is a tour you can't pass up! First ascend into the beautiful mountains on the White Pass and Yukon Route railroad in an antique parlor car, where you will be in awe of the incredible scenery and amazed by the stories and history your tour guide will tell you. When you arrive in Fraser British Columbia, you will embark on a deluxe motor coach with your guide pointing out such famous sites as the Tormented Valley and Pitchfork Falls. At the foot of the pass, nestled next to a spectacular waterfall, is Liarsville Gold Rush Trail Camp and Salmon Bake.

A cast of sourdoughs and dance hall girls will entertain you with a reenactment of the shooting of Soapy Smith, recite a poem by the "Bard of the North", Robert Service, and teach you the art of finding that precious metal that drove men and women wild with Gold Fever! You will be set free in the Liarsville gold fields before enjoying lunch. A freshly grilled Alaskan Salmon is waiting for you along with salad, coleslaw, sourdough rolls, coffee, tea, lemonade, and Ma Pullen's hot apple pie! The tour climaxes at the world-famous Red Onion Saloon. By special invitation only, the Red Onion's madam will break out the champagne and throw you a private party in the prestigious upstairs brothel. Here you will be entertained with incredible tales of the girls who used to "work" in these historic rooms! You will see the priceless nickel silver dress worn by Matty Silks, the Onion's first madam, and many other original artifacts left by the soiled doves. Embrace the true spirit of 1898 and sign-on for the experience of a lifetime.

Note: This excursion enters Canada. A passport or birth certificate AND Government issued I.D. are required for all U.S. and Canadian citizens. All non-U.S./Canadian citizens must carry a valid passport.

BORDELLO BREAKFAST & HISTORICAL TOUR

Approximately 2½ hours



Step aboard your trolley for a light-hearted tour of Skagway's more colorful, and sometimes dark side. As you travel through the early morning streets of Skagway, your driver will point out the historic saloons and storefronts where notorious scoundrels like Soapy Smith earned their reputations during the wild, lawless days of the gold rush. At the famous Red Onion Saloon and Brothel, lavishly costumed madams will greet you with a garter and a light breakfast of bagels with Alaskan smoked salmon spread and assorted fruits and cheeses. You will be delighted by their provocative tales of Klondike Kate, Diamond Tooth Lil, Pea Hull Annie and other enterprising women who worked the Red Onion in 1898. The bartender will share hilarious

stories of the saloon's more recent, and no less intoxicating, history while mixing you a Red Light Bloody Mary, a Klondike Koffee or a cocktail of your choice. Step upstairs to the celebrated brothel museum and explore the halls and bedrooms where the priceless silver dress worn by the Onion's first madam is on display with many of the original artifacts left by the "Soiled Doves" of yesteryear. Have your photograph taken with one of the madams and keep a sharp eye out for Lydia, the Onion's resident ghost, who is said to make her appearances in the early morning. From the vantage of Skagway's scenic overlook, photograph the valley below and the tiny town that once teemed with over 15,000 men and women, 80 saloons and as many gambling houses and dance halls. This behind-the-scenes tour brings to life an era of great glamour and intrigue.

CHILKOOT HORSEBACK ADVENTURE

Approximately 3 - 3½ hours



Enjoy breathtaking views from a scenic city overlook, before driving 6 miles into some of Skagway's most rustic backcountry to the valley of Dyea and the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park. Arriving at the hitching posts, you will be given a brief orientation before heading out on your very own horse. On the trail in single file, maintaining a steady walk through the valley of Dyea, two guides will ensure an enjoyable ride. The ride back takes you through a dense part of the second-growth forest, past Slide Cemetery. Upon your return to the hitching posts, enjoy a refreshing drink and smoked salmon snack before your transfer back to the ship.

Note: Minimum age is 14 years. Beginners are welcome. Long pants are recommended; rain gear is provided if necessary. A handkerchief to keep dust from your face is advisable. A minimum height of 4 feet 10 inches and a maximum weight of 250 pounds are required. Very limited participation.



CHILKOOT TRAIL HIKE & FLOAT

Approximately 4 hours



Embark on a scenic 10-mile drive into the Dyea Valley as you retrace the steps of the Gold Rush Stampeders. During your transfer to the famous "Chilkoot" trailhead, you will hear the history of the area and see its natural beauty before being led on a 2-mile hike through the temperate northern rain forest. Your guide will recount the history of the forest and the trail as you make your way to the entry point for your relaxing float journey down the Taiya River. Enjoy a delicious riverside snack before transferring back to your ship.

Note: Life jackets, rubber boots, rain gear for the float and insect repellent are all provided. Sturdy walking shoes and a light jacket/windbreaker are recommended.

DOG SLED DISCOVERY & MUSHING CAMP

Approximately 2½ hours



Discover a truly northern pastime while learning all about sled dogs and their mushers. Experience the dogs in action as you participate in an approximate 15-minute summertime ride aboard a custom-built wheeled sled. A scenic transfer from the ship by mini-van will take you out through Skagway; your guide will acquaint you with both its Gold Rush history and present day community. You will journey to the most northern point of the Lynn Canal, past the head of the famous Chilkoot Trail and on to the dog camp.

At the kennels, you will meet the dogs and climb onto a wheeled sled that is made for running the dogs during the snowless summer months. Your husky team will whisk you along a scenic wooded trail, past Spruce, Hemlock and glacially fed waterfalls with views of the Taiya Inlet tidal flats. Returning to the dog camp, you will have time to interact with the dogs and their puppies. Learn about the equipment and the great husky strength that goes into the life of dog sledding in the wild and rugged North.

Note: Refreshments and an outhouse are available at the mushing camp. Your camera is a must!



DOG SLEDDING AND HELICOPTER GLACIER FLIGHTSEEING

Approximately 2 hours

Flight time approximately 35 minutes



Now you can combine 3 tours into one and experience Alaska's favorite sport, dogsledding! First, you will be whisked away in our premier touring ASTAR helicopter as your pilot takes you on an incredible flight over Taiya Inlet. Next, view sights only revealed by helicopter as your pilot narrates the history of Skagway and the Gold Rush of 1898. The grand finale of the tour begins as you land at the dog camp that is nestled among an endless sea of mountain peaks on a glacier above historic Skagway. From here, you will meet our experienced mushers who will take you on an exciting adventure by sled and introduce you to the wonderful world of "mushing". Get the opportunity to drive a team of friendly Alaskan huskies over the ice-covered glacier or sit back in the sled and take in the breathtaking environment that surrounds you. Our experienced guides will introduce you to the world of mushing and the art of dogsledding. An event for all ages, this tour enables you to meet the professional mushers and friendly dogs that made the Iditarod Dog Race famous. This is truly an Alaskan experience you can never forget!

Note: Consult the Helicopter Weight Policy at the beginning of your shore excursion booklet prior to booking.

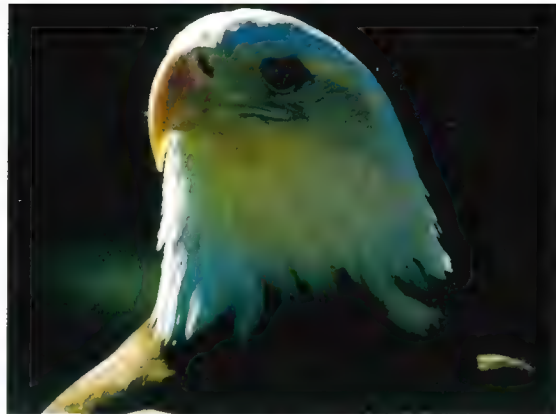
EAGLE PRESERVE FLOAT AND SCENIC CRUISE

Approximately 6 hours



This unique journey combines a scenic float trip (no white water) through the world-famous Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve with a spectacular fjord cruise. The eagle preserve boasts the world's largest gatherings of bald eagles. It is also home to moose, bears, wolves, and a host of other animals. The eagles are drawn to the river's edge to feed on the plentiful salmon. Not only is the preserve rich in wildlife, it is also a place of incredible beauty. The best way to see the preserve is by raft, floating quietly down the river, through the heart of it all. En route to the preserve, you will cruise Alaska's deepest fjord, with its sheer walls and beautiful waterfalls. You will see historic Haines and Fort Seward. Throughout your adventure towering mountains, hanging glaciers, lush forests, and fresh air will surround you. Expert guides share their extensive knowledge of the unique ecosystems and the area's rich native history, including the riverside village of Klukwan, the center of Tlingit culture for centuries. At the end of your float, you will be treated to a delicious picnic-style lunch. This is an unforgettable adventure into the grandeur of Alaska!

Note: Rubber boots, rain jackets, and life jackets will be provided. You should wear a warm jacket and bring an extra



pair of socks. Tour starts when waters are high enough to accommodate the rafts. Limited participation. Minimum age is 7 years.

EAGLE PRESERVE WILDLIFE RIVER ADVENTURE

Approximately 6 hours



Board the 150-passenger M/V Fair-weather Express for your cruise to this remote setting in Haines, where you will traverse the waterways of the Lynn Canal while viewing waterfalls and the mountains above you. Soon after your arrival into Haines, you will board a bus for your 30-minute transfer to the river dock for a journey into the heart of the Bald Eagle Preserve. At the river dock, you will begin the jet-boat portion of the excursion, parting company with civilization for a period of time, where you are taken into the wilderness to view bald eagles and their massive nests in their natural habitat. The Chilkat River area is also abundant with moose, which are spotted quite often along the riverbanks. Brown and black bears, also common to the area, may be spotted as well. The Hess family will be your hosts, as they entertain you and share with you their lifestyle as year-round residents of Haines. At the end of the tour, you will be served lunch at the Haines Pier before boarding the M/V Fair-weather Express bound for Skagway.

Note: Cameras are a must. Restrooms are available at the river dock, on board the M/V Fair-weather Express and at the pier in Haines. Very limited participation.

EXCLUSIVE WHITE PASS RAILWAY & GOLD DREDGE COMBO W/LUNCH

Approximately 5 hours



Experience the life of a gold prospector on this fun filled combination tour as you visit an authentic 350-ton gold dredge followed by a historic narrow gauge train ride on the White Pass & Yukon Route Railway. Upon arrival at the gold dredge, you will be met by an entire cast of characters known as the Klondike Family and a chance to find your

"fortune". An informative 10-minute video introduction is followed by an actual tour of the dredge, a dredge that discovered over 8 million dollars in gold when fully operational in the Klondike gold fields of Dawson. Learn the art of panning for gold and then try your hand as you search for your own "fortune". Then head over to Gertie's Gold Shack and have your fortune weighed. A short transfer to the White Pass & Yukon Route Railway will ensure your departure on this most scenic of rail routes. Your very own train coach will be hosted by a rollicking Gold Fever escort as they share with you personal stories of gold prospecting mixed in with a historic narration from the White Pass Conductors. Enjoy a boxed lunch as you recreate the gold rush era by train before returning to the ship.

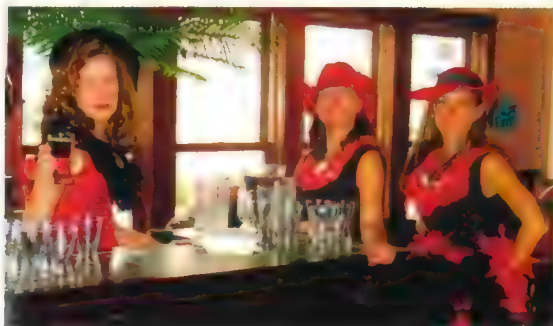
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GHOSTS & GOODTIME GIRLS WALKING TOUR

Approximately 2 hours



Through the streets and alleys of Skagway, this exciting tour will walk you back in time when women of the evening "brushed shoulders" with notorious characters such as Soapy Smith and Skookum Jim. A sumptuously dressed madam will tell stories of luscious, adventurous women such as Klondike Kate, the Oregon Mare, Pea Hull Annie, and Diamond Lil. You will visit several cribs and districts, recounting the exciting and sometimes tragic lives of thousands of women who stamped north. The tour climaxes with a free garter and champagne toast at the world-famous Red Onion Saloon's Brothel Museum. There you will explore the halls and bedrooms of this celebrated brothel, observing original relics and images of the girls who worked there. And if you are lucky, you might even catch a glimpse of the resident ghost, Lydia! This 2-hour tour will give you a tantalizing new look at the historic Klondike Gold Rush.



GLACIER DISCOVERY BY HELICOPTER

Approximately 2 hours

Flight time approximately 40 minutes;

Glacier time approximately 40 minutes

Leave all traces of civilization behind and experience the infinite beauty of Alaska's remote glaciers. Lift off from the historic Skagway waterfront and head into a rugged region of sheer mountains, majestic valleys and massive glaciers. Jagged peaks towering over the Chilkat Glacier; cascading waterfalls, surrounding the Ferebee Glacier; or the spectacular "river of ice" known as the Meade Glacier; may be among the wonders you encounter. Flight routes and landing zones are selected daily to ensure that you receive the best that the area has to offer. Once you have reached your destination, you will be given the rare opportunity to explore one of Mother Nature's greatest marvels. Enjoy a walking tour of a lifetime as our experienced glacier guides answer all of your questions and work to explain the awesome forces at work.

Note: Consult the Helicopter Weight Policy at the beginning of your Shore Excursions booklet prior to booking. Times will vary due to weather and glacier conditions.



GLACIER LAKE KAYAK & SCENIC RAILWAY EXPERIENCE

Approximately 5 hours



Ride the historic White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad and explore by kayak the crystal clear waters of a glacially carved lake. Your adventure begins as you climb aboard the "Scenic Railway of the World" and ride the rails into White Pass. Carved out of the rugged Coastal Mountains, this ride is truly unforgettable, complete with stunning views of waterfalls, trestles, mountains, glaciers and the original trail of 1898. Experience the beauty of the Canadian wilds at the White Pass summit before disembarking at Lake Bernard. The next stage of your adventure begins with a "gear grab" and safety instruction in the use of stable, state of the art, two-person kayaks. Paddle across the cold, yet pristine waters that Klondikers sailed, over 100 years ago, to reach the goldfields of the Yukon and enjoy the unobstructed views of snow capped mountains that rise in all directions. Your knowledgeable and professional guides will thrill you with their interpretations of the gold rush, natural history, flora, and fauna. Watch for bears, mountain goats, caribou, and eagles amid the alpine terrain of the Tormented Valley.

Enjoy a light snack and refreshments before boarding a motor coach for a narrated journey down the Klondike Highway, on your return to Skagway.

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GLACIER POINT WILDERNESS SAFARI

Approximately 5½ hours



Enjoy an exciting journey through deep fjords, lush rain forests, colorful wildflowers, and towering mountains, ultimately taking you face to face with the majestic Davidson Glacier. This spectacular 40-minute cruise takes you through Alaska's deepest fjord, aboard one of the fastest catamarans in North America. Watch for whales and sea lions en route to a remote beach landing at Glacier Point, one of the most beautiful places in Alaska. After a short scenic drive and a fascinating quarter-mile walk, the forest suddenly opens to a breathtaking view of the glacier. A 31-foot canoe waits to take you on a voyage of discovery among icebergs to the face of the mighty blue glacier. Throughout the tour, your guides share their extensive knowledge of this amazing area. A tasty box lunch will be served on board the catamaran en route to Glacier Point.

Note: Participants must be in good health and able to walk over uneven terrain. Dress warmly and wear comfortable walking shoes. Minimum age is 7.

GOLD FEVER ADVENTURE

Approximately 2 hours



Experience the historical thrill of the 1898 gold rush. Pan for gold (in warm water), find gold and take it home with you in a souvenir poke specially designed for you. Your guided tour will take you through the inner workings of a massive gold dredge, deep in the Klondike gold fields. A short video introduces you to the men who worked under the midnight sun seeking the elusive glimmer of gold. With expert instruction and under cover, you will pan for gold in rich "pay dirt" from an active claim in the Klondike. Pan for gold as the colorful and informative guides entertain you with stories from the past.





GOLDEN GLASSBLOWING EXPERIENCE

Approximately 3 hours **NEW TOUR**



This unique hands-on "Hot Shop" adventure is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity to blow your own glass art in the Last Frontier – complete with real gold in your finished piece! Escape to the tranquility of beautiful Jewell Gardens for a very personal and fun filled glassblowing workshop. You'll keep the glass you make and we'll even take care of the shipping after it cools (to anywhere in the world!). From the moment you leave the pier, you'll know you're on a very different kind of excursion – this experience has been carefully designed not to be a 'tour' in the traditional sense, but rather an exciting learning adventure on a very personal scale. Upon arrival at Jewell Gardens, your guide will give you a private orientation to this spectacular Northern Show Garden and our Hot Shop where you will learn the ancient art of working with molten glass to create your ultimate Alaskan memento – an ornament for hanging in a window or on your Christmas tree - or use it as a float in your garden pond! You are the designer – before blowing your piece you will choose your color combinations and whether you want stripes, swirls or spots. In the spirit of the Gold Rush, you even have the chance to incorporate 24K gold for spectacular effect! Following the Hot Shop studio experience, you will be treated to a delicious tea service or light lunch (depending on the time of day) before returning to your ship.

Note: Minimum age is 7 years. Limited participation.

KLONDIKE BICYCLE TOUR

Approximately 2½ hours



Retrace the path of the Klondike gold stampede, as you coast down from the White Pass summit on a mountain bike! Enjoy a comfortable and informative ride to the top of the pass for a bicycle and safety orientation before your experienced guides escort you from summit to sea on the Klondike road. Enjoy the great Alaskan outdoors while cruising on your bicycle 15 miles back to Skagway. Numerous stops are made for photos of waterfalls, White Pass/Yukon Railroad, glaciers, and the coastal mountains. This

exciting excursion offers a unique way to tour Skagway and the surrounding area.

Note: Minimum age is 12 years; minimum height is 4 feet 8 inches. There are a couple of short areas along the highway that are on an incline and will require some effort to climb. All safety equipment and orientation is provided. Guests are encouraged to dress in layers as the weather can vary in the mountains. This excursion enters Canada. A passport or birth certificate AND Government issued I.D. are required for all U.S. and Canadian citizens. All non-U.S./Canadian citizens must carry a valid passport.

KLONDIKE ROCK CLIMBING AND RAPPELLING ADVENTURE

Approximately 3 hours



Professional mountain guides with world expedition experience will lead you on an exciting climbing adventure over the smooth granite walls of the White Pass. There are great climbs for all abilities and no matter what your experience level, you will be challenged! A short drive takes you through Downtown Skagway and up the Klondike Highway, where you will hike to the base of majestic rock cliffs recently smoothed by retreating glaciers. After receiving your equipment and safety orientation, you will rope up and start climbing the clean granite. There are more than a dozen routes to choose from with climbs ranging from easy to very challenging and each climb ends with a stunning aerial view of the Skagway River, The White Pass Yukon Route Railway, and the surrounding wilderness. Participants will have the chance to climb many of the routes and try rappelling on the high cliffs. Many of the guides have led treks on Denali and around the world and they will share their knowledge as well as their stories!

Note: This adventure is suitable for first time climbers or experienced climbers looking for a challenge. Guests must be able to sustain an even paced hike for 5 - 10 minutes over uneven terrain, and should dress in warm clothing that allows for good flexibility. Minimum age for participation is 10 years. Climbing shoes, helmet, harness and a snack are provided. Guests wishing to ride along only, must see the Shore Excursion Staff for details.

KLONDIKE SUMMIT AND LIARVILLE EXPERIENCE

Approximately 3 hours



Follow the Trail of '98 to the White Pass Summit! Experience Liarsville Gold Rush Trail Camp, the faithfully re-created Tent City where the stampede last stopped before ascending the treacherous pass. From your comfortable motor coach begin your trip in Skagway's historic downtown area. Your drive out parallels the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad and crescendos at the breathtaking White Pass Summit. Your



guide will tell tales of the stamperders, as you trace their footsteps along Brackett Wagon Road, Pitchfork Falls, Dead Horse Gulch, and the infamous Tormented Valley. Along the way, you will visit Liarsville and gather in the world-famous Hippodrome where a cast of sourdoughs and dance hall girls will treat you to hilarious gold-rush anecdotes, recite Robert Service poetry and re-create the shooting of Soapy Smith. After a snack of hot cider and cookies, you will be set loose in the Liarsville gold fields, where you will pan for gold. Finally, stroll through the lively little hamlet of shops and residences. Here you can shop, take pictures, or snuggle up to a lavishly dressed madam at the "little house of negotiable affection".

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LAUGHTON GLACIER HIKE & WHITE PASS RAILROAD ADVENTURE

Approximately 8½ hours

A wilderness trek to the magnificent Laughton Glacier combined with a scenic train ride aboard the historic White Pass & Yukon Route Railway make this an adventure you won't soon forget. You will board the train for a 50-minute, 14.1 mile journey filled with spectacular waterfalls, rushing rivers and jagged mountain peaks. At Glacier Station, you will begin a fully guided five to eight-mile roundtrip hike in the clean mountain air. The magnificent sub-alpine rain forest valley is home to moose, bear, and mountain goats. This spectacular trail winds along the raging Skagway River to the majestic Laughton Glacier. The terrain changes dramatically as you leave the forest, hike up the riverbed and climb over a boulder field onto the glacier. Enjoy the breathtaking 360 degree panoramic views, exposed crevasses and moulons of



the great frozen river of ice. Upon your return to the trailhead, you will be greeted with a traditional "Bush Buffet", complete with a cold brew and juice. Relax and enjoy the ride back to town on "The Scenic Railway of the World". **Note:** Minimum age is 9 years. This is an arduous hike over uneven and sometimes difficult terrain. Hiking boots or shoes with good ankle support are recommended. Dress in layers as temperatures range between 50-75 degrees. This trip covers 5 to 8 miles. Lumbar packs, trekking poles, raingear, hats and gloves are provided. Bush Buffet includes salmon pâté and crackers with a lunch of sandwiches and vegetables, water bottles and candy bars.

SAWTOOTH HIKE AND WHITE PASS RAILROAD ADVENTURE

Approximately 5 hours

This tour combines a scenic rail trip aboard the historic White Pass & Yukon Route Railway with a dramatic wilderness hike. Board the train for a brief yet unforgettable ride to the wilderness whistle stop and the Denver trailhead. Guides accompany you through the dense temperate rainforest filled with beautiful old-growth western hemlocks, where lookout points provide spectacular views of the raging waters of the Skagway River, the Denver Glacier Valley, and the magnificent Sawtooth Mountain range. There are plenty of opportunities along the way for photographs and wildlife viewing. Guides will provide information on the valley's forest, plants, and geology. At the end of the hike, snacks and beverages will be served on the train ride back to town.

Note: Guests need to be in good physical condition. This is a wilderness hike over uneven and sometimes difficult terrain.



The hike will cover a distance of 4-5 miles. Snacks are provided on the hike and on the train ride back to Skagway. Dress in layers; hiking boots or shoes with ankle support are recommended. Minimum age is 9 years.

SKAGWAY HIGHLIGHTS & GLASSBLOWING

THEATRE EXPERIENCE **NEWTour**

Approximately 3 hours



Enjoy the best of Skagway, complete with a professional glassblowing theatre experience! Your adventure through the "Garden City of Alaska" begins on the original Henry Clark "Rhubarb King" Farm, now known as Jewell Gardens. Once there, you'll hear tales of this Gold Rush town while viewing magnificent delphiniums, nasturtiums and begonias. Train enthusiasts will love the replica White Pass "G"-scale model railway that winds its way through this magnificent property complete with a cantilevered bridge. Stroll through the gardens and be on the lookout for spectacular hand-blown glass art strategically placed among nature's own creations! After touring the garden, you will be treated to the unique experience of watching the glass art being made at the new Garden City Glassworks Theatre. A talented glass artist will explain the process and demonstrate the ancient art form with dramatic flair. Your next stop is the historical Skagway Gold Rush Cemetery. While viewing this unique cemetery, you'll hear tales of those that inhabited Skagway at the turn of the century and forged a town that was once described as "a little better than hell on Earth". From there, you're off to the viewpoint over Skagway and the best photo opportunity of your Alaskan adventure. Pose for your keepsake photo with Skagway and your ship in the background, from your vantage point of over 200 feet above the valley floor.

SKAGWAY STREETCAR TOUR

Approximately 2 hours



Experience Skagway with Alaska's award-winning historical tour. Take a seat for the show aboard your signature 1920s yellow bus and enjoy non-stop entertainment from your



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costumed conductor. You will find out why cruise passengers voted this tour "Guest's Choice for Best Tour in Alaska" in 2001. Travel from the historic boardwalks of downtown to a panoramic view at the scenic overlook. Witness the reenactment of Alaska's greatest gunfight at the Gold Rush Cemetery and motor through Skagway's "Garden City" residential district. Follow in the footsteps of U.S. Presidents Warren G. Harding and Teddy Roosevelt and become an honorary member of the Arctic Brotherhood during a command performance at the ClubHouse Theater. Discover why the Streetcar Tour is as much a part of the Skagway story as the streets it tours and the tales it tells. Since 1923, generations of travelers from every corner of the globe agree there's "Nothing Like it in the World". All aboard the Skagway Streetcar!

TAKSHANUK MOUNTAIN TRAIL BY 4X4 **NEWTour**

Approximately 6½ hours



Take the wheel of a four-wheel drive Kawasaki "Mule" and get ready for a real Alaskan wilderness adventure on the Takshanuk Mountain Trail! Your journey begins with a scenic cruise aboard a high speed catamaran down North America's longest and deepest fjord to Haines. Your guide will accompany you on a short and scenic ride to the Takshanuk ("land of falling waters") trailhead where you will be shown how to operate your automatic transmission, four-wheel drive Mule, best described as a heavy-duty golf cart. Besides the adventurous, this tour allows families with children to experience the breathtaking views from an unspoiled Alaskan mountain wilderness. Beautiful waterfalls and crystal clear creeks are just a part of the natural scenery you'll drive through on your way to the panoramic views at the 1,500 foot elevation sub-alpine meadows. On the way down, you'll stop at an exclusive mountain top lodge to enjoy a warm fire, stunning views, and a gourmet lunch before descending the



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rest of the trail for the fast ferry cruise back to Skagway and your ship.

Note: Guests wishing to drive the "Mule" must be 21 years or older and must present a valid driver's license to the Tour Operator. The Mules are equipped with seat belts and have easy accessibility.

"TO THE SUMMIT"

Approximately 1½ hours



Travel on a bus adventure up to the 3,290-foot-high White Pass summit. Your tour to this lofty notch in the St. Elias Range follows the trail made famous by thousands of Klondike stampeders. Dog teams, horses, wagons and narrow-gauge railway trains, a pipeline, and the new Klondike Highway, finally blasted through to the Yukon in 1978, have all used the route. Passing through Skagway and up the river valley, you will make frequent photo stops to locate the original Dead Horse Trail, the old Bracket Wagon Road, the trestles and tunnels of the parallel White Pass & Yukon Railroad, Pitchfork Falls, Moore Bridge, and numerous surrounding glaciers and peaks. At the summit of the White Pass, a stop is made at the U.S./Canada border before returning to Skagway.

Note: This excursion enters Canada. A passport or birth certificate AND Government issued I.D. are required for all U.S. and Canadian citizens. All non-U.S./Canadian citizens must carry a valid passport.

ULTIMATE YUKON & WHITE PASS RAIL ADVENTURE

Approximately 8 hours



You have traveled so far already, it's time to make the 65-mile journey into the Yukon! This combination tour takes you aboard a deluxe motor coach to experience the magic and the mystery of the famed Yukon Territory and returns you to Skagway aboard the world famous White Pass & Yukon Railway. Your adventure begins on the docks of Skagway as your motor coach sets off along the scenic Klondike highway climbing to the top of the White Pass, 3,292 feet above sea level. Leaving the White Pass and the U.S. behind, you will enter Canada and experience the unspoiled and untamed



beauty of the Yukon Territory. Marvel at the chain of lakes that form the headwaters of the Yukon River; explore the rustic town of Caribou Crossing (Carcross); snap a quick photo of the "World's smallest desert," and enjoy the tales of the Klondike Gold Rush narrated through your guide. Enjoy a fabulous chicken BBQ lunch at Caribou Crossing Trading Post, made complete by homemade donuts. During this hour-long stop, you'll have an opportunity to explore the indigenous wildlife museum, interact with sled dogs, and scan the hills for Dall sheep and bears. Once back at Fraser, British Columbia, you'll board the train of the White Pass and Yukon Route Railroad for a truly unforgettable ride down this historic and breathtaking narrow gauge railroad, back to Skagway.

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WHITE PASS & YUKON RAILWAY

Approximately 3 hours



There is no railroad quite like the White Pass & Yukon Route Railway. Against all odds, this iron trail was born because of the 1898 Klondike gold rush and built through some of the most rugged and spectacular terrain. Almost 100 years later, this narrow gauge railway is still in operation. Ride aboard an old-fashioned parlor car retracing the original route to the summit of White Pass. As you leave Skagway behind, the Alaskan wilderness unfolds outside your window as you climb this steep grade past the Bridal Veil Falls, Inspiration Point, and Dead Horse Gulch. After reaching the White Pass Summit, the international boundary between the U.S. and Canada, you'll return along the same route back to Skagway and the ship.

WHITE PASS RAIL AND BIKE ADVENTURE

Approximately 4 hours



This is truly the ultimate Skagway alternative for the scenic adventure seeker! Beginning with a spectacular narrow-gauge train excursion up the White Pass, you will marvel at this engineering masterpiece as well as the rugged and beautiful scenery. Your narrator will tell tales of the days of '98, when tens of thousands of gold-rush stampeders each packed a ton of supplies over similar torturous routes. At Fraser, you will head to the Klondike summit, where you will receive your bike and a short orientation. Your guide will keep the group at a safe pace as you wind your way from above the tree line down to the lush rain forest of southeast Alaska. Along the way, you will stop at waterfalls and spectacular overlooks, where you can look across Dead Horse Gulch at the route of the train that you rode to the White Pass summit. Enjoy a light snack at the conclusion of this grand adventure before heading back to your ship.

Note: This excursion enters Canada. A passport or birth certificate AND Government issued I.D. are required for all U.S. and Canadian citizens. All non-U.S./Canadian citizens must carry a valid passport. Very limited participation

WHITE PASS RAIL, KLONDIKE HIGHWAY & GOLD CAMP



Approximately 4½ hours

Experience an unforgettable journey aboard the world-famous narrow gauge White Pass & Yukon Route Railway. Travel along the eastern side of the White Pass to the 2,885-foot summit, returning along the Klondike Highway via motor coach to visit an authentic gold-rush camp. Board an old-fashioned parlor car and retrace the original route beyond the summit of White Pass, while learning about the history of the gold-rush era. Upon reaching Fraser, British Columbia, you will board a motor coach for a journey down the west side of the White Pass Canyon. Listen while your driver/guide regales you with stories of the stampede who trekked through the pass in search of gold. Then stop at historic Liarsville, a gold rush trail camp, where you can browse through cabins and tents once used as a bakery, laundry, saloon, and bordello. Here you will learn the art of gold panning as miners and ladies of the evening entertain you with song, dance, and a chilling ballad by the "Bard of the North", Robert Service. After a snack of hot cider and cookies, have your photo taken with a huge Mackenzie River Husky or stop in the rustic Liarsville General Store for some of Skagway's most unique shopping. On your return to Skagway, you may choose to stop in town for more shopping or return to the ship.

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YUKON JEEP ADVENTURE

Approximately 5 hours

Travel the route of the Trail of '98 in a 4-wheel drive Jeep



Wrangler®. Your small group of explorers will set out on an adventure from Skagway into the Yukon Territory via the famous routes taken by hearty gold prospectors in the late 1800s. Your tour guide, in the lead Jeep, will entertain you with the lore of the gold-rush era by an interactive radio system. You and your friends or family will be led to destinations off the beaten path. Driving a 4-person Jeep Wrangler® provides you the freedom of exploring Klondike gold rush routes from the roads less taken. View Pitchfork Falls, Moore Bridge, Dead Horse Gulch, Bracket Wagon Trail, and Tormented Valley en route to the historic village of Carcross. Carcross Desert, the smallest desert in the world, is one of the viewing stops. Your rugged Jeep Wrangler® will take you to backcountry vistas with panoramic overlooks available only on this tour. All Jeeps® have radio communication with guide vehicle and will operate in all weather conditions. There are several points along this adventure where guests can switch drivers, remember to take along a camera, and some friends for this 5-hour adventure.

Note: Drivers must be at least 25 years old, are required to show a valid driver's license, and must sign a liability/insurance waiver. This excursion enters Canada. A passport or birth certificate AND Government issued I.D. are required for all U.S. and Canadian citizens. All non-U.S./Canadian citizens must carry a valid passport. Canadian citizens may not drive the vehicles into Canada due to current regulations there.

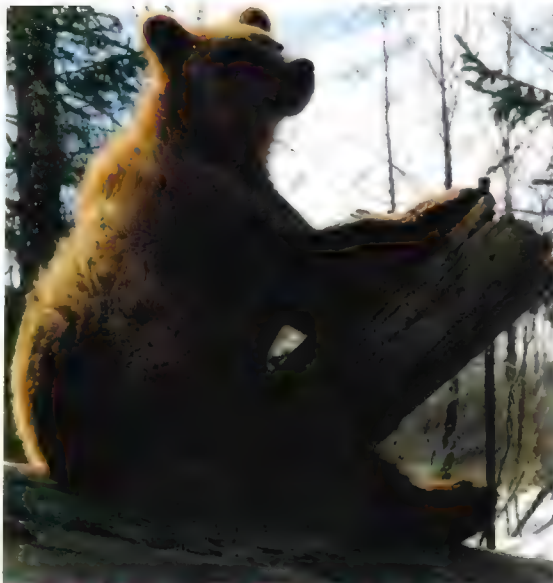
YUKON SCENIC DRIVE

Approximately 5 hours



Take a "Sunday drive" up the spectacular Klondike Highway into Canada's Yukon Territory. You will travel along the original White Pass Trail viewing waterfalls, glaciers and peaks, before crossing the Klondike Summit at 3,290 feet above sea level and pause at the ghost town of Log Cabin in British Columbia, where mail was dispatched by dogsled to the nearby mining districts. Then you travel along the jewel-like string of headwater lakes that feed the great Yukon River. You'll stop to explore the village of Caribou Crossing, now known as Carcross, with its picturesque hotel and general store. Enjoy a home-style lunch at Spirit Lake Lodge, famous through the Yukon for its lemon meringue pie. Your return is planned to allow plenty of time to shop and explore Skagway.

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Post-Cruise Excursions WHITTIER/ANCHORAGE

(Northbound Guests)

All Anchorage shore excursions will depart from the cruise ship dock in Whittier, approximately 90 minutes from Anchorage. The transfer time is included in the approximate duration time of the shore excursion.

Please note that these shore excursions MUST be booked by 12:00pm (noon) on Saturday in order to guarantee transportation.

ALASKA WILDLIFE & MUSEUM TOUR

Approximately 3½ hours



See some of Alaska's wildlife and visit the Museum of History and Art, an internationally renowned museum in the heart of Anchorage. From the comfort of your motor coach, you will have the opportunity to view the wildlife at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center as you drive through this unique facility, en-route to Anchorage. The conservation center helps to rehabilitate injured Alaska wildlife. Then, journey along the scenic Seward Highway to Anchorage where you will visit the Anchorage Museum of History and Art at the Rasmuson Center. Learn about Alaskan culture as you explore the museum which has over 17,000 objects and roughly 2,000 artifacts used in its education programs.

Note: This excursion is available to northbound guests with flights after 3:00pm from Anchorage.

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ALYESKA MOUNTAIN RESORT LUNCH & ALASKA NATIVE HERITAGE CENTER COMBO

Approximately 6¼ hours



Spend a full day exploring south-central Alaska. After leaving the ship in Whittier, you will travel by deluxe motor coach through the famous Whittier Tunnel to the Alyeska Prince Hotel. This 5-star resort is the only Alaska property to be included on Conde Nast's Gold List. Upon arrival to Alyeska, you will enjoy a tram ride to the top of Mount Alyeska where lunch will be served whilst enjoying spectacular views of Turnagain Arm. Enjoy some free time before journeying down the mountain and returning to your motor coach. From there, your driver/guide will take you to the 26-acre Alaska Native Heritage Center, imparting to you along the way, information about the city of Anchorage - "Metropolis of the North". The Alaska Native Heritage Center features live demonstrations and performances in native settings. Don't miss seeing the permanent art collection in the skylight galleries.

Note: This excursion is available to northbound guests with flights after 6:00 p.m. from Anchorage.

ANCHORAGE CITY TOUR WITH HERITAGE CENTER

Approximately 4½ hours



Learn how Anchorage grew from a railroad tent town to the "Metropolis of the North". This excursion will open your eyes to what makes this city such a favorite, with the 26-acre Alaskan Native Heritage Museum, featuring live demonstrations and performances in Native settings while replicating the cultures of 5 regions of Alaska, historic mementos of Captain Cook and beautiful parks. Anchorage, Alaska's largest city, is surprisingly cosmopolitan. Travel through time at the museum, which has an excellent exhibit that illustrates the history of the state. Be sure not to miss the opportunity to view the permanent art collection in the skylight galleries.

Note: This excursion is available to northbound guests with flights after 4:00 p.m. from Anchorage.

BLACKSTONE GLACIER ADVENTURE CRUISE

Approximately 5½ hours



Prince William Sound is known for its spectacular scenery including dynamic mountains and large concentration of tidewater glaciers. The Blackstone Glacier Adventure Cruise will take you up to the face of two active tidewater glaciers. View spectacular alpine glaciers and waterfalls while trying to glimpse grazing black bears along the beaches or napping harbor seals on floating icebergs. Peak your

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curiosity by participating in fun marine experiments; look at plankton under microscopes and glacier ice up close. You'll also have the opportunity to enjoy a delicious Alaskan King Crab Cake lunch while underway.

Note: This excursion is available to northbound guests with flights after 4:00 p.m. from Anchorage. Warm clothing is recommended.

PORTAGE GLACIER CRUISE

Approximately 4½ hours



En route from the ship in Whittier to Anchorage, add a visit to spectacular Portage Glacier and the U.S. Forest Service's Begich-Boggs Visitor Center. A short motor coach transfer will bring you to the Portage Glacier dock. After boarding the *MV Ptarmigan*, you will cruise within 300 yards of Portage Glacier, choosing a seat either in the enclosed lounge or on the open-air observation deck. From either vantage point, you will have fantastic views of the blue-white icebergs that decorate Portage Lake. Nature willing, you may also witness the carving of an iceberg from the face of the glacier. Re-boarding your motor coach, the tour continues along Turnagain Arm, the Cook Inlet and into Anchorage.

Note: This excursion is available to northbound guests with flights after 3:00 p.m. from Anchorage.



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Post-Cruise Excursions VANCOUVER

(Southbound Guests)

SCENIC GROUSE MOUNTAIN & AIRPORT TRANSFER



Approximately 5 hours

Enjoy visiting two of Vancouver's most beautiful scenic attractions, Stanley Park and Grouse Mountain, with your excursion ending conveniently at the airport. From the pier, you will board a motor coach and pass through half of Stanley Park, North America's third largest urban park, with annual visitors estimated at 8 million people. Stanley Park, as you see it today, is a place for Vancouverites to enjoy the great outdoors and recreate in a comfortable safe environment. From the park, you will cross the Lion's Gate Bridge en route to Grouse Mountain. Located on Vancouver's North Shore, and rising 4,100 feet into the sky, Grouse Mountain is a year-round mountaintop playground. Step into the Super Skyride, a 100-passenger tram that glides you up the steep mountainside. The 10-minute ride takes you to the top of the mountain where you will have approximately 1½ hours to enjoy the scenery, walk one of the nature trails, experience "Born to Fly" at the Mile High Theater, or have a bite to eat in one of the mountain top restaurants. Your return ride takes you through the other half of Stanley Park with a photo stop at Prospect Point en route to the Vancouver International Airport.

Note: This excursion is available for guests with flights departing after 3:00 p.m.

SEATTLE MOTOR COACH TRANSFER

Approximately 3 hours



As a convenience to interested guests, a motor coach transfer service is available from dockside to downtown Seattle. While

not a sightseeing tour, this transportation serves the Seattle Sheraton, as well as Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Note: This transfer is available to guests with flights departing after 2 p.m. and later, when flying from Seattle on the day of departure.

VANCOUVER CITY TOUR TO AIRPORT

Approximately 3 hours



For guests departing Vancouver on flights late in the day, this excursion provides an excellent opportunity to visit one of North America's most beautiful and cosmopolitan cities, from its bustling downtown to the renovated Gastown historical district and exotic Chinatown. Vancouver is a study of urban and naturally scenic contrasts. Nestled near the city center is Stanley Park, resplendent with its deep forest, totem poles, and scenic seaside promenades. Your tour concludes at the Vancouver International Airport.

Note: This tour is available to guests with flights departing after 4 p.m.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. May I take more than one excursion in each port of call?

A. Yes. Make sure that you allow at the very least 30 - 45 minutes between each excursion. All excursions depart from and return to the pier.

Q. Will I miss the ship if I go on an excursion?

A. One of the major advantages of taking an excursion organized by Carnival is that we closely monitor the departures and returns of all our excursions. Therefore, we can assure you that even if there are unexpected delays on an excursion, your ship will be there when you return. Please be aware, that if you make your own arrangements, or leave an organized excursion, you will be on your own and it will be up to you to make sure you return to your ship on time.

Q. Can I cancel an excursion that I have already purchased?

A. All cancellations are subject to a 25 percent cancellation fee. Excursions cancelled within 24 hours of port arrival are non-refundable. Guests who leave during an excursion that includes transportation must return to the ship at their own cost. Some tours require a minimum number of guests to operate. If this minimum is not met, excursions may be cancelled.

Q. Is it possible to go shopping and participate in an excursion while in port?

A. Yes. Many of our excursions are only a few hours in duration, therefore leaving you with plenty of time before or after to go shopping or even participate in an additional tour.

Q. Will I need to bring money with me while on a tour?

A. All essentials are included in the price of your tour tickets and, when noted, snacks, drinks, or even meals are sometimes included. Be advised that some excursions do stop in areas where you are able to purchase souvenirs, food, and various other refreshments; however, these items will be at your own expense.

Q. I am traveling with friends and family, and we would like to be on the same bus. Is this possible?

A. Of course. Simply make sure that you all arrive at the designated meeting place together. This will allow the staff to allocate space for all of you on the same vehicle, space permitting of course.

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